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A whopping \$3.14 billion Saipan casino agreement between the Commonwealth Lottery Commission and Best Sunshine's parent company Imperial Pacific International has been reached—the single largest development deal in recent CNMI history. This comes barely five months since the signing of a controversial gambling law that had already been amended twice and remains a subject of lawsuits.

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CUC grid reaches critical state

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s electrical grid has reached a critical state due to the lack of funding.

In his report to the CUC board, Power Division manager Gary Camacho said that critical state means an increase in the number of

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What Imperial Pacific's Best Sunshine must construct within eight years:

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- 1,900 square meters of spa facility



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Commonwealth Election Commission acting chair Donald M. Hofschneider, center, of Tinian, presides over a meeting yesterday morning wherein the commissioners certified all 99 candidates for the Nov. 4 general elections. From left, commissioners Juan E. Santos of Tinian, Jesus I. Sablan of Saipan, commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero, Hofschneider, Josepha Barcinas of Rota, Trinidad L. Rabauliman of Saipan and Leilani Manglona of Rota.

Election board certifies 99 candidates

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The Commonwealth Election Commission's board certified at 9:57am yesterday all 99 candidates for 44 positions, as well as approved the ballot layout, for the CNMI's Nov. 4 general elections. Nobody among the candidates was disqualified.

The 99 candidates for 44 posts do not include the one justice and two judges that are up for retention.

» **Yumul yet to
resign from Senate
after candidacy
certification**

Previously, the Election Commission announced 98 candidates but clarified yesterday that it's 99.

Election board acting chair Donald M. Hofschneider of Tinian presided over the board meeting yesterday, as chair Fran-

ces M. Sablan was off island for a family emergency. Besides Hofschneider, the other election board members who voted to adopt Resolution 14-001 to certify the candidates were Jesus I. Sablan of Saipan, Josepha A. Barcinas of Rota, Juan E. Santos of Tinian, Trinidad L. Rabauliman of Saipan, and Leilani Manglona of Rota.

The board also approved the ballot lay-

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FISH TALK

Dr. Chatham K. Callan from the Oceanic Institute of Hawaii Pacific University educates workshop attendees about the differences between the rabbit fish, tilapia and other fishes in the region during a presentation that took place at the Northern Marianas College. The project was funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to encourage local farmers to build and cultivate their own aquaculture facility.

Hart justifies budget demands; cites NMC's decreased funding

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budget for the college sits at \$4.394 million.

Direct appropriations for the Northern Marianas College have gone down despite the increase in its student population over the last several years, according to its president, Dr. Sharon Hart, yesterday.

"Ever year since 2009 our budget has been going down but our student enrollments have been going up," she said.

According to data provided by the college, in fiscal year 2009, full-time students numbered above 600 with appropriated funds around \$4.6 million. The next fiscal year, funds remained about the same while student number increased to around 800. Again, in the next two years, the student count rose, with numbers reaching around a thousand. The count exceeded that number in 2013.

However, the data given also shows a significant drop in appropriations for the college in those last three years, as the 2011 drop in funds to \$4.5 million fell even further to below \$4.1 million for fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

"What that means is that the [money the college has] to educate every student is going significantly down every year," Hart said.

She said this funding trend puts the college in an "extremely challenging position," as it tries to help the community meet its workforce needs.

On Tuesday, college officials met with Senate lawmakers to discuss the currently appropriated \$4.934 million given by the government for the college.

Hart's statement at that meeting—that without an increase in the currently allotted budget, NMC might have to put on hold its new business program as well as raise tuition by 30 percent—was characterized by some lawmakers "threatening" or "holding hostage the budget."

Hart clarified yesterday that "we don't want to alarm any students that we're not going to run the bachelor's degree. Our goal is to do it."

On a possible tuition hike, Hart said that because of the current budget on the table and the decrease in funds over the years, raising tuition may "be the only option we have left on the table."

The current appropriated

According to her, the College Access Challenge Grant for 2015, which the college has received the last five years, requires the college to have a minimum of \$5.15 million for its maintenance-of-effort mandate.

Hart said the grant provides \$1.5 million to the college every year, and that before the college started receiving the grant, less than 20 percent of students from the Public School System transitioned to NMC.

Now, she said, the number is more than 40 percent, and that the goal of the grant is to assist colleges in enrolling low-income students and ensuring they succeed in college.

Hart said without the minimum MOE met, the college would lose the waiver of \$1.5 million that it has been receiving and will have to pay the cost in full.

She said the grant helps cover 30 student service positions within the college that include counselors, tutors, financial aid officers, admissions and records officials, among other things.

"With that [potential] \$1.5 million deficit, there are going to be significant cuts," she said.

Hart stressed that the \$7.86 million budget NMC has proposed is a "budget based on our needs."

She dismissed a senator's suggestion that the money collected from tuition is stored as some kind of secret or cushion fund for the college.

She clarified that the \$3 million from student tuition is used to pay adjunct instructors as well as the significant cost in utilities or repair.

Currently, the college's CUC cost is about \$600,000—a drop from \$800,000—which was brought about from a cost-savings plan implemented across the college.

She also spoke on the college's accreditation, noting that NMC will be evaluated in the next three years.

"[The commission looks at] the fiscal sustainability of our institution. They want to ensure that fiscally we have the resources that will help the college fulfill its mission. So we need to have a sustainable level of funding," Hart said.

Currently, the college is preparing data to show how its funds are being distributed and used.



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5.4 quake jolts CNMI, scares many Rota residents

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A 5.4-magnitude earthquake occurred near Rota yesterday morning, prompting many residents of the island to run outside buildings and houses for safety.

The temblor was also felt on Saipan and Tinian.

CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin K. Seman told *Saipan Tribune* there were no reports of injuries and damage to property.

According to the U.S. Geological Service, the temblor occurred at 10:30am, with the epicenter at 38 kilometers southwest of Rota at a depth of 62.9 miles (101.2km).

Seman said the people on Rota were "just kind of shocked" about

the strength of the earthquake because it was closer to them.

"It's kind of odd because we haven't had this many earthquakes, the two earthquakes in a short period of time close to the islands," he said.

A staff from Rota Mayor's Office in a telephone interview said the employees got scared and ran outside the building. The staff said there were two shaking that lasted a total of about 20 seconds.

"It started shaking and stopped, then it's shaking again

so everybody ran outside," the employee said.

She said some residents of Sinapalo I claimed that they did not feel the earthquake.

Seman said they issued a bulletin announcing that there was no tsunami watch or warning as a result of the earthquake.

When asked about the earthquake's cause, Seman said the crashing between the Philippine plate and the Pacific plate normally causes earthquakes.

"We're basically on the Phil-

ippine plate. They're constantly crashing with the Pacific plate. So we're in between both. The Philippine plate is to the west of us, the Pacific Plate is to the east," he said.

Seman said when the plates start moving and shifting, that would normally trigger earthquakes.

On Monday, a 4.8-magnitude temblor occurred near Saipan. It was also felt on Tinian. There were no reports of injuries and damage to property.

Missing man surfaces, says he was just busy enrolling at NMC

Christian Leemar Delos Santos, the son of the family that partly owns No Ka Oi Pest Control, was shocked when he returned home Tuesday night and police officers showed up to inform him that they and his family were looking for him.

"It's a miscommunication," Delos Santos, 22, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday. He said that he was actually busy enrolling for his classes at the Northern Marianas College.

The pest control technician at

No Ka Oi said he was at NMC during the opening of registration on Monday and he went back again to the school on Tuesday.

He said when he came home past 7pm Tuesday, several police officers knocked on his door and informed him that he had been reported missing.

Delos Santos said it's his fault because he did not call No Ka Oi and his relatives about his whereabouts because his cell phone and the company issued

radio had been stolen.

The Department of Public Safety asked for the public's assistance on Tuesday to locate him because he was last seen Saturday afternoon.

No Kai Oi got worried when Delos Santos did not report to work on Saturday and on Monday and Tuesday. His relatives checked his apartment room in Garapan and found it locked.

Delos Santos' mother is currently vacationing in the Philippines. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Storeowner catches alleged burglar; owner had to be rushed to hospital

The experience of catching a burglar inside a closed store in Koblerville late at night was so frightening to the female storeowner that she had to be rushed by an ambulance to the hospital.

Police officers had to summon an ambulance after they

noticed that the female owner of Flo's Mini Mart kept touching her chest and was hyperventilating. There was no report yet about her health condition.

Suspect Romileo Oronigo Sahagun, 21, was arrested on Sunday night for burglary and

disturbing the peace.

At a hearing yesterday, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio imposed 10 percent of the \$10,250 cash bail. Preliminary hearing will be

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ELECTION

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out and adopted election commission regulations.

Special election

Election commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero told the board that all the names of the 99 candidates were verified and they all met the candidacy requirements.

CUC

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power outages, the creation of unnecessary expenses, dangerous risks, hardships for power customers, a critical impact on Saipan’s economic growth, and the effect on other critical CUC services such as water and wastewater.

“It is very difficult for our community that our power is unreliable, not knowing when you’re going to have power, and even nowadays the weather doesn’t have to be bad to have

Guerrero also told the commissioners that should Gov. Eloy S. Inos proclaim a special election, he recommends that it be held on the same day as the Nov. 4 general elections to save costs.

Each elections costs \$70,000 to \$80,000.

Guerrero was referring to a special election for a third Saipan senatorial seat.

That seat is occupied by Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), now a certified candi-

date for lieutenant governor.

Yumul is the running mate of independent gubernatorial candidate Heinz S. Hofschneider.

Article 8 Section 5 of the NMI Constitution reads, “Resignation from Public Office. An elected public official shall resign from office upon certification to be a candidate for another public office, if the term of the office sought begins before the end of the term of the office held.”

Guerrero told the commis-

sioners that should there be any development, he will inform them accordingly.

The Senate has to inform the governor of a vacancy, and the governor would have to call for a special election since it is still less than half of the term.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) confirmed that as of close of business yesterday, his office has not received any resignation letter from Yumul. Torres is also a lieutenant

Sablan also agreed that CUC should be charging customers who have trees or vegetation growing around power poles or have them clear it. Camacho said that they will have to notify customers of the vegetation trimming.

CUC serves over 14,000 customers and has about 11,450 poles.

One other issue is that CUC lacks pole hardware and that it is difficult to change power poles at the moment.

Progress

According to Camacho, they

have done an “operational sweep” that identified 200 incidents of utility theft, they have certified linemen for power poles, more accurate mapping systems, improvements on systems for CUC, net meters, and load analysis for prepaid metered customers.

CUC also completed the replacement of a defective switchgear at American Memorial Park that provides power to the hotels nearby, completed 80 240-volt kWh meter retrofits to 208-volt kWh meters, 18 job orders for line clearing, and have identified and reported 10 meter

tampering and 16 illegal power connections.

CUC staffing has increased a little for the Power Division with 51 personnel that includes one management, four administrative staff, 19 engineers and meter inspectors, and 27 distribution linemen.

Sablan said that they will need CUC management to progress more on important issues.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher said that the integrated resource planning is on the way as well as a few contractors for renewable energy and more improvements on services.

governor candidate, with Gov. Eloy S. Inos as his running mate under the Republican Party.

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), for his part, said the next step is for Yumul “to do the right thing.”

Yumul could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Besides the general election and an expected special election, the CNMI is also headed for a gubernatorial runoff election if no one among four gu-

bernatorial teams gets at least 50 percent plus 1 of the votes cast during the general elections on Nov. 4.

Guam registration drive

Guerrero also announced yesterday that there will be a CNMI voter registration drive in Guam on Aug. 21, 22, and 23.

Two election commission staffers and one commissioner, Juan E. Santos of Tinian, will lead the Guam registration drive.

CASINO

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The maximum 40-year deal was reached on Tuesday night.

This was confirmed by Imperial Pacific’s announcement on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange website and Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar in a brief phone interview yesterday.

A signing “ceremony” may be held in the next few days.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the agreement provides an economic future for the CNMI people.

At the same time, he said the CNMI needs to be cautious in its implementation “so as to protect our environment and island culture.”

A \$30-million deposit would soon be released from escrow, which will pave the way for the payment—in the next few days—of CNMI retirees’ deferred 25-percent pension since last year and the payment of interest on defined benefit plan members’ withdrawn contributions.

The agreement grants Imperial Pacific an exclusive license to develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan.

Questions as to where the hotels and casinos will be located on Saipan have yet to be answered, along with studies showing how Saipan’s roads, airports, power and water sources, workforce and other amenities will be impacted during the duration of the integrated resort construction and operation.

Imperial Pacific, in its announcement, said they are “actively looking for quality land on the island of Saipan” for the integrated resort.

Trading in the shares was

halted for four hours yesterday starting at 9am at Imperial Pacific’s request filed with the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

Terms

A statement from the Lottery Commission yesterday, issued by acting press secretary Ivan Blanco, says that the terms of the license agreement cover 12 items that Imperial Pacific has to build within eight years, or by 2022.

These include 2,229 hotel guest rooms, 17,000 square meters of total gaming floor area, and \$100-million themed entertainment facility.

Other requirements include at least 23 food and beverage outlets in 13,532 square meters of space, 15,000 square meters of retail space, a 600-seat theatre, 9,094 square meters of meeting space including ballroom, a wedding chapel, 200 villas, 1,050 square meters of fitness area and 1,900-square-meter spa facility.

Imperial Pacific estimates that the total cost of these requirements is \$3.14 billion, way beyond the minimum \$2 billion investment required by the Saipan casino law.

The four-member Lottery Commission—Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar as chairman, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Attorney General-nominee Gilbert Birnbrich, and Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero—is scheduled to meet again on Friday. The commission counsel is Jim Stump, who’s been instrumental throughout the process.

Terence Tay, chief operating officer of Best Sunshine, is expected to be back on island later

this week. Tay has been the face of Best Sunshine and its parent company, Imperial Pacific, since day one.

Model development

Igisomar, in a statement, said the requirement for construction of an “integrated resort” was modeled after large casino developments such as the Venetian Casino in Las Vegas and Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore.

This concept brings together shopping, gaming, hotel accommodations, housing development, meeting facilities, wedding chapel, spa facilities, restaurants, and family entertainment in an integrated development.

“Critical to this approach is a license requirement for construction of a \$100-million entertainment attraction that is a central focus of the resort,” he said.

Preliminary discussions on the type of themed entertainment include water attractions and theatrical productions.

“By integrating these different elements, you have much more than just a casino, and instead have a multidimensional project. The license agreement includes quality standards for all rooms, guest services, and shopping,” Igisomar said.

Complex negotiations

Igisomar said these were “complex” negotiations as the license is a long-term agreement that will have “far-reaching impact on our island community.”

“The negotiations were not simple and there was significant give and take between the parties, but overall, the Commission was pleased with the outcome. I want to personally

thank Commission members Finance Secretary Larson, Commissioner Deleon Guerrero, and acting attorney general Birnbrich for the time and effort they committed to this process,” Igisomar said.

The commission chairman said in order to ensure that the CNMI receives the most benefit from the agreement, it increased the requirements for development and required an “expedited implementation plan.”

Under that plan, Imperial Pacific is required to develop an initial gaming facility consisting of a 5-star, 225-room hotel within 24 months.

Phase one of the improvements is required within 36 months.

These include an 800-room luxury hotel, a \$100-million themed entertainment facility with amphitheater, 5,732 square meters of food and beverage outlets, 2,500 square meters of meeting space, 5,000 square meters of retail shops, a wedding chapel, 500 sqm of spa/fitness area, 10,000 square meters of gaming area, and associated parking, site improvements, landscaping, furnishing, fixtures, utilities and infrastructure.

Other commissioners

Birnbrich, as the CNMI’s acting attorney general, said the license agreement is complex.

He said the agreement had to incorporate concepts of licensing, contracts, development requirements, statutory authority and the dual authority of the Lottery Commission and the yet to be established Casino Commission.

“The combination of these elements resulted in a lengthy agreement,” Birnbrich said.

“We were careful to separate development requirements, which will be under the authority of the Executive Branch, and oversight of gaming, which will be under the authority of the Casino Commission.”

He said these two agencies have coordinated authority for license oversight and enforcement, “either of which can suspend or revoke the license for a material breach in conformity with the requirements of the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act.”

Deleon Guerrero, the CNMI’s public safety commissioner, said in a statement that he wants to “assure the public that the foremost issue being considered by the commission was to protect the public interest.”

“As DPS vommissioner, I wanted to ensure that the selection process met high standards of transparency and integrity. We approached the entire process of negotiating a license agreement that would be in the best interest of the people. The Northern Mariana Islands are my home and I realize that the decisions we would be making would have long term effects on our families and I want to protect and represent these interests,” he said.

Retirement, DB issues

Larson, as Finance secretary, addressed the restoration of deferred pension checks, among other things.

“We are moving forward in an expeditious manner to transfer the \$30-million licensee deposit, but this will take several steps,” she said.

Once the funds are received, processing of payments begins. “This is a complex process

that must be done carefully, so we ask for the public’s patience in this matter but rest assured we recognize the need to move quickly,” she added.

The governor, who is seeking election on Nov. 4, expressed relief that the negotiations were finally concluded.

He said the agreement will have a significant impact on the entire community.

“It will provide the funding necessary to pay interest to employees who withdrew their pension contributions and restore 25-percent reduction to retirees which was one of my primary objectives. However, just as important is that it provides a long-term boost to our economy that will result in the increase in wages, rental rates, property values, and use of local goods and services,” he said.

Inos also stressed that the agreement provides an economic future for the CNMI people, ensuring good-paying jobs, and provides an incentive for families to remain in the Commonwealth.

He said these last few years, he has witnessed the dispersal of many families who left the islands because of lack of opportunities and he is hoping that this will reverse that trend and provide an incentive to those who left to return.

“One of the key elements of our culture is our strong family bonds and we need to preserve and protect this element,” he said.

The governor also said that although he is happy with the license agreement’s signing, the CNMI needs to be cautious in its implementation to protect the environment and island culture.

STOREOWNER

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on Aug. 21 at 9am.

A couple that owns the store allegedly caught Sahagun hid-

ing between the shelves of the establishment that was closed on Sunday night.

Police detective Andrew S. Taimanao said that Sahagon told police that he broke into

the Flo’s Mini Mart through the air-conditioner’s window at the back to steal betel nuts

and cigarettes, but the owners caught him. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

Sablan meets with United about Cape Air service outages

By **MATT KAYE**
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WASHINGTON — D.C. Congressman Greg ‘Kilili’ Sablan says a United Airlines official told him Friday it’s working to resolve Cape Air’s service disruptions between the CNMI and Guam as quickly as possible.

Sablan says a United cor-

porate official he met with in Washington D.C. says United has sent a mechanic to Guam to repair Cape Air’s disabled ATR-44 and get it back in service, as quickly as it can, but the official did not give Sablan a date.

A second Cape Air plane is undergoing scheduled maintenance in the states.

Meantime, Sablan says Unit-

ed has stepped in, with its own 737s, operating the Guam-Rota-Saipan route at a loss, while frustrating travelers with reduced service.

Sablan has met three-times with United in the last three-years, and each time United says the route is a money-loser. So Sablan’s reluctant to press the carrier too hard, for fear

of also losing service to Rota, which he doesn’t feel is fair to another CNMI destination.

Sablan says he’ll continue to work with United to get Cape Air’s aircraft fixed and back in the air, as soon as possible. Asked about the service disruption’s impact on the 6% or so of Japanese tourists who access Saipan via Guam, Sablan

had this: “*I don’t know how accurate that is, because I do know that I fly on Delta, from Tokyo, and that’s where I see, the airplane is mostly Japanese tourists.*”

And Sablan points out, United plans to “discontinue” three unprofitable routes from Japan, this fall.

Sablan says the CNMI is

not eligible for essential air service subsidies to support air service, since it already has commercial service. But he says that would change if United and Cape Air pull out of the CNMI altogether.

Judge reduces prison term of convicted accountant

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Five months after he sentenced Arlene D. Hart to 11 months in prison for stealing \$6,831 from her then-employer, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo has changed his mind and reduced her prison term.

Govendo yesterday granted Hart’s motion to reduce her sentence and ordered that her release from the Department of Corrections on Sunday, Aug. 31, 2014, at 5pm.

Hart was supposed to be released on Feb. 28, 2015 under the original sentence.

“This case itself is unique in that this defendant was so ashamed by her actions that she did not even tell her family about the ongoing criminal case against her,” said the judge in his order.

He said Hart’s sisters became aware of her legal problems only after they read about her conviction and sentence in the newspaper.

At the motion hearing on Thursday, Chief Prosecutor Brian Flaherty argued that the court should deny Hart’s request to prevent other convicted criminals from flooding the Commonwealth trial courts with similar motions.

The Office of the Attorney General filed charges against Hart in 2013 for stealing \$6,831.66 from her then-employer Ecosource Insurance by not depositing the money into its bank account.

On March 25, 2014, Hart signed a plea deal with the government and pleaded guilty to theft by unlawful taking or disposition.

Under the plea deal, the court was given discretion to sentence the defendant to a prison term of between zero and 18 months.

Govendo sentenced Hart to 11 months in prison. Hart was incarcerated starting April 1, 2014.

On May 9, 2014, assistant public defender Matthew Meyer, counsel for Hart, filed a motion to reduce her sentence. The motion was heard last week.

Meyer stated that Hart has made full restitution, is nearly 53 years old, and had never been convicted of any criminal offense, and is now a convicted felon.

Meyer asserted that additional time in prison will not have any meaningful impact on Hart because, absent the extraordinary circumstances surrounding this crime, she is not “a bad or

immoral person” and the term of imprisonment has already worked to ensure that she will never again commit such an act.

Meyer said Hart has two sons and a husband, and the newly assigned prosecutor (Flaherty) refused to honor the deal struck by the former prosecutor, Jacinta Kaipat, handling this case.

In the government’s opposition, Flaherty argued that Govendo had accepted the plea agreement and found Hart guilty.

Flaherty asserted that the judge previously considered the facts of the case, recommendations of counsel, the mitigating factors, and the plea agreement when determining the sentence.

Flaherty said all of the information currently presented to the court could have and should have been brought up prior to sentencing.

The chief prosecutor said restitution was a condition contained in the plea deal, and the court should not reward Hart for merely fulfilling an agreed upon obligation.

Flaherty said family hardship, a defendant’s good character, and a defendant’s rehabilitation are insufficient reasons to reduce any sentence.

In granting the motion, Govendo said he carefully reviewed all mitigating and aggravating factors presented during sentencing hearing and even questioned Hart to get a sense of her individual circumstances.

Hart testified that she sought assistance from her employer before stealing the money, but that she did not seek any help from her family in order to pay for her mother’s medical expenses.

Govendo agreed with Meyer that prosecutors should honor the deals struck by their predecessors, but the law of the Commonwealth does not require such action.

Here, the judge said, the prosecutor in question does not even remember the offer mentioned by Meyer.

Govendo said no deal is final until it is brought before the court, and evidence of deals on the table during negotiations in no way implicates the government in failing to honor its promises to a criminal defendant.

“Hence, this particular argument is without merit,” he said.

Govendo disagreed that a reduction in Hart’s prison term would undermine the deterrent effect on the threat of prison.

On the issue of precedent, Govendo said a single order

reducing a criminal sentence is unlikely to create the response that the government articulates.

“All mitigating factors are generally presented before the sentence is issued, and it will be the very rare case where these types of acts would be presented post-sentence,” he said.

Finally, Govendo said, after obtaining permission from Flaherty and Meyer, he spoke to Kaipat, who informed him that she was originally in favor of a sentence that contained no prison time provided there was immediate restitution.

It was Kaipat’s understanding

that the victim insisted that Hart serve a prison term.

Govendo said Kaipat informed him that investigator Vince Babauta had also recommended that defendant not be sentenced to prison because she had been very forthcoming and helpful in their investigation.

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CPUC consultant now reviewing incentive rate contract

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's consultant, Georgetown Consulting Group, is now reviewing the proposed Master Incentive Rate contract that was agreed upon between CPUC and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for large commercial customers, according to CPUC chair Joseph Guerrero.

CUC executive director Alan Fletcher separately confirmed

that they have already submitted the contract to CPUC.

Guerrero said that CUC submitted the contract on Aug. 2 and that it is under review by Georgetown.

"I expect to see initial comments within this month and if there are no major issues with the contract, it would not take long for the commission to approve it," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

Fletcher said they have the incentive rate in place after the

May agreement.

"We want to get these folks back on the grid and we know we have a couple of large self-producers today that are anxious to come back on the grid and they were waiting for this rate to be approved," Fletcher told *Saipan Tribune* in an earlier interview.

CUC consultant economist.com and CPUC consultant Georgetown Consulting Group signed the joint agreement in May that recommends the implementation of a tariff rider

incentive rate that would apply to three classes of commercial customers.

First are existing commercial customers that currently generate 90 percent or more of their annual electric needs and have an installed generation capacity of 400 kW.

Second are commercial customers that expand their existing facility that results in an increased load of 200 kW or greater or expand their hotel by 75 rooms or greater.

Third are new commercial customers with electric generation capacity of 400 kW or greater.

Also included in the experimental tariff are large customers on Tinian and Rota.

Economist.com managing director Robert Young earlier said that the IR tariff represents 8.3 cents per kWh discount from the current commercial rate, which is roughly a 3-cent per kWh base rate on top of the current LEAC.

Young said it represents a re-

duction or discount in the cost per kWh for incentive rate purchases of about 31 percent from CUC's commercial rate.

Young also said that with the expiration of the "infrastructure surcharge" in January 2015, the incentive rate discount will fall to 25 percent.

Two NMHC projects are nearing finish

The Northern Marianas Housing Corp. has two projects that are expected to be completed by the end of this year.

One is the Koblerville Gymnasium near Coral Ocean Point and the other is the Division of Youth Services shelter expansion.

According to NMHC corporate director Jesse S. Palacios, both projects were started earlier this year and the gymnasium is projected to be completed this December, while the shelter is expected to be completed by November.

"The gymnasium is really more for the Public School System schools at the Koblerville area and the community," Palacios said.

Palacios said the DYS shelter expansion is for segregation of the boys and the girls that arrive at the shelter.

The DYS shelter provides housing for youth that have been abuse and neglected. NMHC conducts site visits to ensure proper maintenance and upkeep of the shelter and proper use of funds.

Palacios also noted the purchase of an ambulance and fire protection and life saving equipment for the Rota Fire Station, which should be arriving in September. (*Jayson Camacho*)

7 Saipan beaches are red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged seven Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Plumeria Hotel, Central Repair Shop, DPW Channel Bridge, South Puerto Rico Dump, Garapan Fishing Dock, Garapan Beach drainage, and the Sugar Dock.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. (*DEQ*)



START TRAINING

This picture celebrates the very first graduation of START (Skills, Tasks and Results Training), a certification and training program affiliated with the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Institute. This first cohort of 17 PSS students representing all three Saipan high schools completed the START program this July 2014. Next school year even more students at the three Saipan schools will get an opportunity to earn certification while attending high school. Interested students should contact their counselors to reserve their spot ASAP!

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RFP NO.: RFP14-OPA-142**

SUBMISSION DATE: SEPTEMBER 09, 2014 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

August 1st, 2014

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to **loan documents**, the Commonwealth Development Authority ("CDA") shall auction off to the highest bidder the following items:

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- The public auction will be held at the **CDA Building, 1st floor Conference room, Oleai, Saipan on Friday, August 29, 2014, at 2:00pm.**
- Terms of the sale are cash, certified check or credit card (MC and Visa only); and
- CDA reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to withdraw this notice and postpone the sale from time to time.

CDA is attempting to collect a debt and any payments received will be used for that purpose. Any interested party or person may contact Mr. Aaron Wood, Loan Officer, CDA at 234-6245 ext. 308 for further information or to inspect the items. Failure to inspect the property will not constitute grounds for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer. All sales are final.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2014.

Commonwealth Development Authority
/s/ **Manuel A. Sablan**
Executive Director

Notice of Zoning Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Zoning Board will be held on
Thursday, August 21st, 2014 at 5:00 PM, Zoning Office, 2nd Floor,
Joeten DanDan Commercial Bldg., Saipan
(Tel: 234-9661 • Fax: 234-9666 • e-mail: www.zoning.gov.mp)

- Preliminary Matters**
 - Call to Order
 - Roll Call
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of July 10th, 2014 minutes
 - Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)
- Public Hearings**
 - Conditional Use Application #2014-0592:** Songbird Aviation, LLC is proposing to operate light aircrafts known as "weight shift control light sport aircraft" or "trikes" on public land lot# 053 A 77 in Marpi. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and is permitted in this district as Conditional Use. This area is located southeast of Banzai Cliff between the veterans cemetery and the former Cowntown, and is zoned as Rural.
 - Conditional Use Application #2014-2598:** Matsumoto Trust (Matsumoto Fish Farm) is proposing to operate an aquaculture farm on TR #21043-R1. This use is classified as "Aquaculture, Commercial" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located on I-Denni, Capitol Hill and can be accessed from Isa Drive and Cator Pl. It is zoned as Rural.
 - Conditional Use Application #2014-2506:** Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lots 055 A 03, 064 A 01, part of TR 4-2, and part of TR 1-4 in Marpi. These areas are zoned as Rural, Public Resource, and Tourist Resort.
- Communications/ Reports**
- Old Business.**
 - None
- New Business**
 - Office operations report
- Executive (Closed) Session.**
- Miscellaneous: Other Matters, Announcements, Next Meeting, Adjourn.**

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ **Diego C. Blanco**, Zoning Board Chairman

Hotel occupancy rate at 82 percent in June

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 81.91 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for July 2014, a 2-percent decrease compared to July 2013.

A total of 58,479 of 71,393 available room nights sold in July 2014, compared to 62,178 of 74,493 of available room

nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$130.57 during the month, compared to \$120.06 last June.

“So far this fiscal year, hotel occupancy rates are just about the same as they were last year at this time. Fortunately, the markets of China and Russia are picking up some of the slack from markets

performing less strongly,” said HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa. “However, as industry partners we feel it is imperative that funding from the hotel occupancy tax that now goes to the Marianas Visitors Authority remains intact, so that MVA can continue its marketing plans and keep the local economy on the right track.”

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 83.49 percent, 1 percent lower than last year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the Northern Mariana Islands. **(HANMI)**

5.4 magnitude quake hits near Rota

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Office of the Governor, would like to inform the general public

that at 10:30am yesterday morning, Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2014, there was a preliminary earthquake with magnitude of 5.4

magnitude on the Richter scale located at latitude 13.917 degrees north, 144.947 degrees east, this is about 24 miles southwest of Rota at a depth of 62.9 miles (101.2km).

No tsunami watch or warning is in effect for the entire CNMI as of this time.

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management

will be monitoring this earthquake and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. Continue to monitor the official bulletins that will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call the CNMI EOC dispatch center at 237-8000 or 211, and for the Northern Islands to contact the CNMI EOC dispatch center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. **(PR)**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New Election Commission phone numbers

This is to inform all department and agencies of the CNMI government that the telephone numbers for the Commonwealth Election Commission has changed, effective Monday, August 11, 2014. The new numbers are 235-8683, 235-8680 and 664-8682. The fax number is 664-8689 remain the same. **(PR)**

Nominations sought for Governor's Humanities Awards

The Northern Marianas Humanities Council is now accepting nominations for the 2014 Governor's Humanities Awards. This event, held annually in October as a part of CNMI Humanities Month, recognizes outstanding contributions to the humanities by individuals and organizations in the community. Nomination forms and instructions are available at the Council's office in the Springs Plaza Building, Gualo Rai, or on the council website at www.nmihumanities.org. Nominations may be made by any member of the general public and are due no later than 4:30pm on Friday, Oct. 10. For more information, contact council staff at 235-4785. **(NMI Humanities)**

Waters around FDM declared open for fishermen

ASAN, Guam—Waters surrounding the island of Farallon de Medinilla are deemed safe for local fishermen from Aug. 19 at 3pm to Aug. 27 at 11:59pm. The general public is advised to remain off the island of Farallon de Medinilla due to safety and security concerns. **(PR)**

CCA board meeting on Aug. 19

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. **(CCA)**

Survivors and caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meeting on Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. **(CCA)**

Marpi to be blocked off on Aug. 29

The Department of Public Safety will be blocking off the northern part of the island, from Marpi north, on Aug. 29, 2014, from about 12pm to 3pm. The purpose of this blockage is to dispose of a large collection of unexploded ordnance that has been collected by the Department of Public Safety Explosive Response Team. We are requesting all visitors to these popular areas of the island make arrangements to visit either in the morning before the 12pm deadline or after the operation has completed at 3pm. **(DPS)**

OVR counselor to visit Rota

This is to inform the public that a vocational rehabilitation counselor will be on Rota from Aug. 18 to 20 at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation Receiving Center (DVCA) in Songsong Village. If you know anyone who has a disability, wants to work, and is interested in receiving VR services, contact the OVR Staff at 322-6537/38 or Elizabeth Kani at 532-9351/4 or 286-2013. **(OVR)**

Dandan Middle School orientations

Dandan Middle School orientation information for school year 2014-2015

■ 6th grade orientation: Aug. 27, 2014, 10am – 11:3am, DMS Cafeteria

■ 7th grade orientation: Aug. 28, 2014, 10am – 11:30am, DMS Cafeteria

■ 8th grade orientation: Aug. 29, 2014, 10am – 11am, DMS Cafeteria

Please come and join us as we discuss classroom procedures, school rules, BOE policies, as well as other school standard operating procedures. We hope to work closely with you all as we welcome the new school year. **(PR)**

Credit for Prior Learning information session today

The Northern Marianas College is hosting a free information session to highlight the new “Credit for Prior Learning” program. The session will be held today, Aug. 14, 2014, at 5:30pm in Room G-1.

Credit for Prior Learning is a way that college credit is awarded for knowledge gained through training, employment, and life-experiences, as self-assessed and documented in a portfolio.

The portfolio will be developed in the Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio Development course (BE200), which is a 3-credit course being offered this fall 2014 semester at NMC. The course will help students develop a portfolio that

includes a written analysis of what they learned and how they applied this knowledge in the workplace at a level that merits college credit consideration.

The Portfolio Development course is a requirement in the Credit for Prior Learning process and will examine written narratives, verifiable documents, certificates of training, certifications and licenses, proficiency exams, college transcripts, and military and professional training. Other verifiable evidence of knowledge may be considered.

For more information, contact Bobbi Merfalen, dean of Academic Programs and Services, at 237-6706 or email barbara.merfalen@marianas.edu. **(NMC)**

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Obama administration opposes birthright citizenship on US soil

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Obama administration filed a brief before the DC Circuit yesterday, arguing that Americans born in U.S. territories have no constitutional right to citizenship. Relying on a series of controversial Supreme Court decisions known as the *Insular Cases* that have been compared to *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Obama administration defended a federal statute that expressly creates two classes of American nationals: those who enjoy the protections of U.S. citizenship

and those who do not.

Tuaua v. United States considers whether the Constitution's guarantee of birthright citizenship extends to people born on American soil in a U.S. territory. The plaintiffs in the case were born in American Samoa, a U.S. territory since 1900. Among the plaintiffs are three veterans—American Samoa is distinguished as having the highest casualty rate in Iraq and Afghanistan of any U.S. jurisdiction. By statute, these plaintiffs and others born in American Samoa are recognized as “nationals, but not citizens, of the United States,” meaning that these passport-holding Americans must naturalize in order

to be considered citizens by the federal government.

“It’s hard to believe that in the 21st century the Obama administration is defending two separate classes of Americans,” said Neil Weare, president of co-counsel We the People Project, a non-profit that fights for the day the nearly 5 million residents of U.S. territories and the District of Columbia are treated as full and equal members of We the People.

“Citizenship by birth on American soil is a constitutional right, not a congressional privilege,” said Murad Hussain, an attorney with co-counsel Arnold & Porter.

“The Obama administration’s position ignores not only the history of the 14th Amendment, but the history of American Samoa,” said co-counsel Charles V. Ala’ilima, a prominent American Samoan attorney.

The *Tuaua* plaintiffs filed their opening brief before the DC Circuit in April; they will have the opportunity to file a reply brief in the coming weeks. Filing *amicus* briefs in support of the plaintiffs in May were citizenship scholars represented by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, Members of Congress, and former government officials represented by Covington & Burling LLP, and David Cohen, the first American Samoan political appointee to lead the U.S.

Department of the Interior’s Office of Insular Affairs, represented by Jenner & Block LLP. Scholars of constitutional law and legal history, represented by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, filed on behalf of neither party, but pushed back against the government’s reliance on the *Plessy*-era *Insular Cases*. In the coming weeks it is expected that the American Samoa government and the territory’s congressman, who have moved to intervene in the appeal on the side of the United States, will file a brief. Oral argument in the case is expected

this fall.

In February, the D.C. Circuit denied an earlier motion by the federal government to dispose of the appeal before full briefing. In June 2013, the D.C. District Court dismissed the *Tuaua* lawsuit, setting up this appeal.

For an overview of the constitutional arguments in *Tuaua v. United States*, see Weare’s Op-Ed on CNN.com, “Citizenship is a Birthright in U.S. Territories,” published to coincide with a Harvard Law School conference titled “Reconsidering the *Insular Cases*” held in February. (*We the People Project*)

» Landmark DC circuit case considers question of citizenship in US territories

Peace Corps swearing in ceremony

U.S. Peace Corps Country Director Robert Reid performed the formal swearing in of 18 new Peace Corps volunteers on Aug. 12 at the Tuna Commission in Kolonia.

The volunteers will be assigned to elementary schools in all four of the FSM states. Nine volunteers are headed to Yap State and its outer islands, three to Pohnpei, three to Kosrae, and three to the Mortlock Islands in Chuuk State.

The primary mission of these two-year volunteers will be to work as co-teachers and co-planners in the Peace Corps Teaching English as a Second Language project. When requested, they will assist their school principals to write school improvement plans, which are a high priority for the departments of education in each state. In addition, each Peace Corps volunteer will use her/his skills to work on secondary activities in their schools and communities.

Volunteers in the past have worked on school infrastructure projects, community gardens, youth camps, disaster risk reduction, sports, libraries, arts, and music. (*U.S. Embassy Kolonia*)

Bank of Guam’s 2015 calendar photo contest deadline is Oct. 3

Hagatna, Guam—The Bank of Guam announced yesterday that its 11th Annual 2015 Calendar Photography Contest is now underway.

Contest guidelines are as follows:

■ **Theme:** It Takes A Community to Raise a Family

■ **Medium:** Minimum 4”X6” print in color or black and white. For digital photos, copy to a CD and include a printed copy of the photo. Photo must be taken by the student submitting the photo and must capture image related to the calendar theme.

■ **Eligibility:** Open to all registered high school students throughout Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Photos must be taken within these regions and certified by the student.

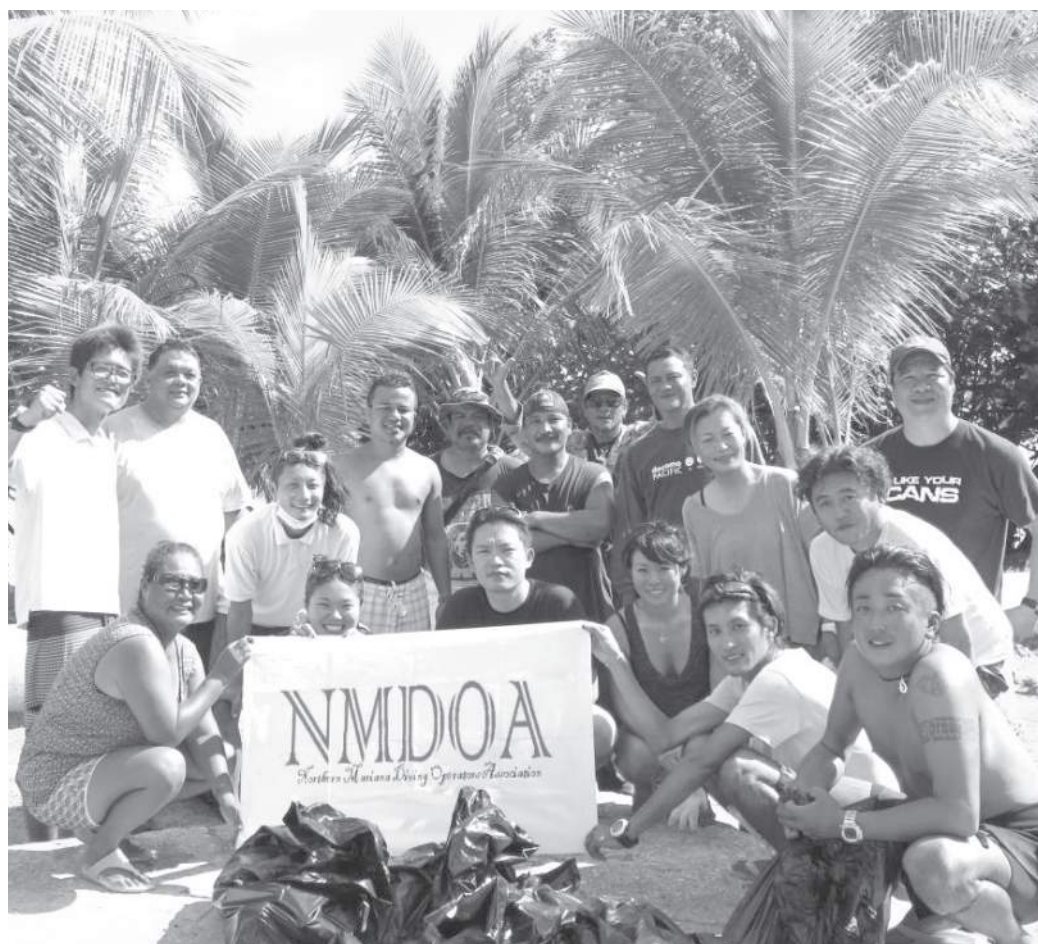
■ **Deadline:** Friday, Oct. 3, 2014

Cash prizes will be awarded to the Cover Photo (\$350), each month’s Photo (\$200), and each inset photo (\$100). Limited to four photo entries per student. Entry forms are available at all high schools, Bank of Guam branches and its website www.bankofguam.com.

» Registered high school students throughout region eligible for cash prizes

Winning entries will be featured in the 2015 Bank of Guam Calendar. Over 17,000 will be distributed throughout the branch network for customers at no charge. In addition, winning photos will be featured on the Bank of Guam website, www.bankofguam.com.

For more information, contact Kebrina Duenas at (671) 472-5236, email at kebrina.duenas@bankofguam.com or fax at (671) 477-6796. (*BoG*)



BEACH CLEANUP

The Northern Marianas Dive Operators Association, Marianas Visitors Authority, and the Division of Parks & Recreation join forces to clean up the Laulau Beach on Aug. 7, 2014. NMDOA and the MVA jointly adopted the popular dive spot several years ago.

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 14, 2013

Ayuyu cleared of one charge; prosecution, defense rest

The prosecution and the defense counsel both rested their cases yesterday afternoon in the ongoing jury trial of Ray Anthony Ayuyu, a 42-year-old man accused of sexually abusing a girl with some developmental disabilities. When Saipan Tribune left the Superior Court at 5pm, assistant attorney Nicole Driscoll, counsel for the government, had just started her closing arguments. Driscoll and co-counsel, assistant attorney general Margo Brown, rested their case after calling a total of six witnesses, including the 14-year-old alleged victim. After the government rested, defense attorney Colin Thompson, counsel for Ayuyu, moved for a judgment of acquittal. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho granted Thompson’s motion to acquit Ayuyu as to the charge of disturbing the peace. Camacho denied the motion to acquit Ayuyu on the remaining charge of sexual abuse of a minor in the second degree. After presenting two witnesses, Thompson announced that the defense rests its case. Police said the sexual assault was reported to the police on Nov. 29, 2012. The girl allegedly claimed that Ayuyu

touched her privates on at least two occasions in September 2012.

Woman in identity theft case gets 6 months

A woman indicted on identity theft charges was slapped with a six-month prison term after she pleaded guilty to false statement of material fact. U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Friday gave Shuixiang Zhou credit for the time she has already served in jail. Upon her release, the defendant, a Chinese national, will be placed on 12 months of supervised release, but among the conditions is that she will be turned over to an immigration official for deportation from the CNMI. If deportation fails to occur and the defendant is released pending further immigration proceedings, she will be required to immediately report to the U.S. Probation Office to begin her probation term. Manglona granted the U.S. government’s motion to dismiss count 2 of the indictment charging Zhou with aggravated identity theft. Attorney Colin Thompson is the court-appointed counsel for Zhou. According to the factual basis of the plea deal, on Oct. 1, 2012, on Saipan, the defendant falsely identified herself as “Xifen Zhou” to agents of the Department of Homeland Security who inquired into her immigration status.

A time for bold actions

I attended the first townhall meeting called by our Gov. Eloy S. Inos about the Retirement Fund settlement agreement. In the interest of moving forward with the settlement, I am in agreement with the governor from a practical and technical point of view. However, there still remains much to be done. I would like,

though, to disagree with the 25-percent cut for our CNMI Retirement Fund pensions. First, please let me begin by saying that I am not a pensioner and so I have no personal thing for me to gain in this matter. Having said this, I also would like to say that our pensioners are the innocent parties. Most of the blame should go to our government and legislative leaders, both past and present, and here are the reasons: This pension program, many say, is one of the most generous programs ever invented by man. Is this because we grow money in our backyard or is this because the program has been used as a primary tool for electing politicians beyond their usefulness without any term limits?

Inos to hold second townhall meeting on Fund settlement deal today

Gov. Eloy S. Inos will hold today his second townhall meeting to discuss and answer questions from the public about the tentatively approved NMI Retirement Fund settlement deal that he hopes will get final approval so it won’t return to litigation. Without a final settlement agreement, the pension agency’s funds may be depleted much faster than anticipated, he said Tuesday. Today’s townhall meeting—a rarity among CNMI governors—will be at the Garapan Elementary School cafeteria starting at 5:30pm. Inos and other officials will explain the benefits of the Betty Johnson-Fund-CNMI government settlement deal. Members of the public will also have a chance to ask the governor and other officials questions about the settlement agreement. Press secretary Angel Demapan said the Office of the Governor will also be coordinating meetings on Tinian and Rota.

Child pornographer sentenced to 5 years in prison

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco, U.S. Attorney for Guam, announced yesterday that Bernard Dela Rosa Toves was sentenced on Monday, Aug. 12, 2014, in the U.S. District Court of Guam by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood. Toves received a sentence of five years incarceration and 10 years of supervised release.

Toves pleaded guilty on Oct. 9, 2012, to one count of receipt of child pornography, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 2252A(a)(2). Toves used a peer-to-peer network to receive 49 movies that depict the sexual abuse of young children. Toves was ordered to

register with the Sex Offender Registry wherever he lives, works, or attends school.

Limtiaco states, "Child pornography offenses involve the sexual abuse and exploitation of children. These offenses are extremely serious because they result in perpetual harm to the child victims, and normalize the sexual exploitation of children. When the Internet is utilized to obtain these images of child sexual abuse, the images can travel to offenders domestically and internationally anywhere in the world, to include the Pacific region. The U.S. Attorney's Office is committed to aggressively prosecuting defendants who

victimize and prey on children through any means, including through the use of the Internet or computer."

Limtiaco also reminds defendants who have committed sexual abuse of children that under federal and local law, all sex offenders have a duty to register and keep their registration current with the Sex Offender Registry in their jurisdiction. Sex offenders who travel to Guam and who reside in Guam must inform the Guam Sex Offender Registry where they reside, work, or attend school. They must also periodically update their registration information. The U.S. Attorney notes

that the sex offender registry was created in order to protect the public by protecting victims, preventing further victimization and informing the public of the whereabouts of sex offenders. Guam's Sex Offender Registry can be found online at www.guamcourts.org.

This prosecution is part of the U.S. Department of Justice's Project Safe Childhood Initiative, a nationwide commitment to aggressively prosecute defendants who engage in the sexual victimization of children and adults, possess or receive child pornography,

and sex offenders who fail to register with the jurisdiction's Sex Offender Registry.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The case was handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rosetta San Nicolas. **(USAO)**

Kerry visits Solomon Islands, sees WWII memorials

HONIARA, Solomon Islands (AP)—U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry paid a visit Wednesday to the Solomon Islands in the South Pacific, where he met the tiny nation's leaders and commemorated the ferocious World War II battles fought on Guadalcanal.

Kerry met with Solomon Islands Prime Minister Gordon Lilo and Governor General Frank Kabui to discuss sustainable development, ocean preservation and how the islands' 600,000 residents are coping with the effects

of climate change.

Kerry laid a wreath at the Solomon Scouts and Coastwatchers Memorial, which pays tribute to Allied personnel and island natives who observed Japanese movement in the Pacific Ocean during World War II.

It was those scouts who rescued Navy Lt. John F. Kennedy and his crew after the sinking of PT-109 in August 1943. Kerry, who's from Kennedy's home state, Massachusetts, told Kabui, "We are very tied to you in many ways, certainly from my

part of the country."

Kerry then visited the Guadalcanal American Memorial, where he met two American veterans of the U.S. campaign that began Allied operations against Japanese forces in 1942.

"This was the first moment, right here at Guadalcanal, where the United States turned from the preparation and aftereffect of Pearl Harbor into the offensive juggernaut that it became," Kerry said.

He added, "The tide of battle turned right here."

Kerry then proceeded to the "Bloody Ridge" battlefield site, where some of the fiercest combat in the Pacific theater took place between American and Japanese forces in September 1942.

Chamber announces first monthly business seminar

In an effort to provide training and valuable business information to all island companies, the Saipan Chamber of Commerce will be hosting monthly business seminars on various topics.

The first of these seminars will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 19, 9am to noon, at the Chamber conference room on the third floor of Marianas Business Plaza. The topic for this month's event is "Keeping Your Business Safe from Robbery, Theft, and Corruption."

Various local experts will make presentations on the following topics:

■ **Armed Robbery Prevention:** Jim Arenovski, Island Training Solutions

■ **Effective Security Systems:** Moises Pangelinan, G4S

■ **Background Checks:** Steve Brownstein, The Background Investigator

■ **Check/Credit Card Fraud:** Jim Arenovski, Island Training Solutions

■ **Safeguarding Your In-**

House Accounting: Richard Waldo, NMC

These subjects are of vital importance to all businesses as every company strives to maximize dollars spent, and to protect against loss in our island economy. Bizfilings.com states that "crimes against people and crimes against property can significantly add to your cost of doing business for many types of small businesses. Shoplifting and theft of business property are all too common and costly. Crimes against business owners, employees, customers, and others who enter the premises are less common, but can be more tragic and traumatic when they occur."

Coffee, tea, and refreshments will be provided. Cost for members is \$15; non-members are welcome at \$25. Limited seating is available; call 234-7150 now to reserve your space.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce has approximately 150 members, ranging from in-

dividuals and small companies to some of the largest companies in the Pacific region. The Chamber regularly appears before and works with government agencies, elected officials, and other business and civic organizations to improve the business climate and economic and civic development of our islands.

The Chamber not only promotes and protects business interests, but also works to promote the civic interests and general health and welfare of the Commonwealth community as a whole.

Aside from serving as an advocate for the business community, the Chamber annually awards college scholarship funds to deserving Commonwealth high school seniors and college students; and its forums and workshops have educated and informed thousands of members and non-members on diverse topics that affect our businesses, our economy, and our community. **(SCC)**



STAFFING CHANGES

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On Aug. 1, U.S. Embassy Colonia invited local, state, national, and community leaders to an event at Club Cupid to mark the transition of Embassy staff. DCM Miguel Ordonez departed on Aug. 11 after a two-year tour, and Management Officer Ethan Curbow will depart later this month. William Cook, the new Economic/Consular officer, arrived on Apr. 29, replacing Charles Thomas, who departed on July 1.

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Happy 11th birthday to Kristina Jane Crisostomo! Love, hugs, and kisses from your family.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Matsumoto Trust (Matsumoto Fish Farm)

Matsumoto Trust (Matsumoto Fish Farm) is proposing to operate an aquaculture farm on TR #21043-R1. This use is classified as "Aquaculture, Commercial" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located on I-Denni, Capitol Hill and can be accessed from Isa Drive and Cator Pl. It is zoned as Rural.

Date: August 21st, 2014, Thursday

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, August 20th, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC

Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lots 055 A 03, 064 A 01, part of TR 4-2, and part of TR 1-4 in Marpi. These areas are zoned as Rural, Public Resource, and Tourist Resort.

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Songbird Aviation, LLC

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Songbird Aviation, LLC is proposing to operate light aircrafts known as "weight shift control light sport aircraft" or "trikes" on public land lot# 053 A 77 in Marpi. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and is permitted in this district as Conditional Use. This area is located southeast of Banzai Cliff between the veterans cemetery and the former Cowtown, and is zoned as Rural.

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Keep politics out of the pulpit

Under federal law, it is illegal for churches and other so-called 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to “participate in, or intervene in ... any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.” But in recent years the Internal Revenue Service has failed to aggressively enforce the law, despite open defiance by religious groups that believe—erroneously—that they have a 1st Amendment right to endorse candidates without losing their tax-exempt status.

That soon may change. The Freedom From Religion Foundation, which had sued the IRS seeking to require it to enforce the law, says it has reached an agreement with the IRS under which the agency has adopted procedures for “reviewing, evaluating and determining whether to initiate church investigations.”

IRS investigation of political activity by nonprofits has been complicated by allegations that the agency improperly targeted tea party and other conservative groups that sought tax exemptions; those allegations are the subject of a congressional probe. But that is no reason for the agency to stall on scrutinizing politicking by churches.

News of the agreement between the IRS and the Freedom From Religion Foundation already has led to overheated charges that the IRS is about to launch an assault on religious liberty. In a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, Oklahoma’s elected attorney general suggested that the settlement jeopardized the right of religious organizations “to encourage their members to engage in the political process in a manner consistent with the core tenets of their religion.” But clergy members can encourage parishioners from the pulpit to carry their faith into the public sphere without endorsing or opposing particular candidates.

And the notion that the ban on endorsements violates the 1st Amendment is mistaken. Congress is free to condition tax exemptions—which can be worth millions of dollars—on an agreement by churches and charities to refrain from speech that otherwise would be constitutionally protected.

Granted, some sermons will fall into a gray area. That was the case with a sermon at All Saints Episcopal Church in Pasadena, Calif., on the Sunday before the 2004 presidential election. The retired rector who spoke didn’t explicitly endorse either George W. Bush or John F. Kerry, but he suggested that Jesus would have condemned Bush’s Iraq war strategy. (In 2007, the agency closed its investigation of All Saints but continued to maintain that the sermon was illegal.)

The IRS could avoid the problem of overreaching by applying to sermons the clear standard set forth by the Supreme Court in 2007 for evaluating political advertisements. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. wrote that an ad should be construed as an endorsement only if it “is susceptible of no reasonable interpretation other than as an appeal to vote for or against a specific candidate.” What the IRS cannot do is ignore the law.

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Sol de Agosto

Sol de Septiembre is the name of a village an hour outside Santiago in Chile that I visited in the early '80s. Augusto Pinochet had a tight grip on the nation’s helm, and his self-mythos was intruded into when Ferdinand Marcos withdrew an invitation for a stopover on his way from Fiji to China. Pinochet huffed back to Santiago just slightly ahead of my plane that landed from Brazil’s Rio in the early morn. My Philippine passport caused mirth at the gate and though Interpol detained me for four hours, no one seriously thought I posed a threat to Chile’s national security, let alone to the safety of *El Primo*!

Sol and *Augusto*, the latter spelled Pinoy-wise as *Agosto* in our title, is neither about the summer sun or *El Dictador*. It is to the unusually dry days of this season’s August in Manchuria that the sun manages to burn through the haze and clouds in the sky, scorching unprotected skins and leaving elder’s home gardens dry. The Yul Brynner look is the craze, though my barber enlightened me to the fact that there has been a mysterious increase in the loss of hair in the last 10 years, making the bald style a decent preference.

I asked my barber for a short summer hair; he understood it to be a short haircut rather than the short hair measure I meant, so I walked out of the shop with a nicely sculpted coif that might get girls’ shrill squeals were I performing on stage *ala* Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones, or Paul McCartney of the Beatles, but alas, an itchy drape on the nape in the middle of the August sun was all it got me. So back to the barber seat I went the following day. My barber wondered, through a translator, why I would want to have my bush cut into short hair when there were many who did not have hair at all!

The length of hair, however, has nothing to do with the 120th year anniversary of the first Sino-Nippon war when the Qing Dynasty was humiliated by Meiji’s modernized navy, resulting in the loss of Taiwan and strategic locations including influence on the Koreans and its environs. The second war erupted when the famed Mukden (now known as Shenyang) incident of 1931 happened. A Japanese built railway station was mysteriously bombed and blamed on the nationalist forces of Chang Kai Shek who were at civil war against Mao’s communist forces. It started the second Sino-Nippon war. (This 120th anniversary is important in Chinese numerology as it is the tenth 12-year cycle in the calendar.)

Anyway, China has also been putting the heat on Japan; it convened this month an international academic conference to look at the legacy and learning from the two World Wars of which Japan prominently featured. Japan and England decided to divide the Pacific holdings of Germany after WWI, making the islands south of the equator under British Admiralty, and north, covered

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by Japan’s Navy. WWII pitted the two nations against each other as British and American forces denied Japan its access to needed oil through the Strait of Malacca, resulting in the fateful bombing of Pearl Harbor.

OK. So much for the historical notes. What has this got to do with the heat of the sun in mid-August?

Shinzu Abe, current Japanese PM is admirable in reviving the Japanese self-image so that it does not have to be apologetic to the world when its officials visit shrines highly regarded by the populace as seats of revered ancestors. Or kowtow to the Stars and Stripes each time it passes by. He is equally an aping pipsqueak in toeing the U.S. Navy line, particularly with the emergent presence of the Zhongguo navy in the China Sea.

The Potsdam Proclamation told Japan’s Imperial Meiji throne to relinquish holdings acquired during WWII. That changed swiftly when Mao established sovereignty along the lines that Chiang earlier submitted to the United Nations. Put simply, the U.S. did not like Mao. The U.S. Army militarized South Korea and contemplated nuking the land across the Yalu. It armed Chiang’s withdrawal from Nanjing to Taiwan, and prodded the British to oppose China’s inclusion of Xizang (Tibet) within Mao’s administration. Only Nixon with crazy Henry K as adviser were loony enough to practice their version of *glasnost* and *perestroika* a good decade before Gorbachev came into the scene.

The waters of the China Sea are boiling again, not because of the heat of August but because Obama need to cover his flanks after withdrawing U.S. forces from Iraq and Afghanistan. The Pentagon does not trust him and the military-industrial complex is evidently in place as even Obama’s promise to close Guantanamo’s detention center six years ago remains to be fulfilled. So he stirs the South China Sea waters.

China and America, however, diplomatically are on good terms. WalMart’s sales come from merchandise manufactured in China. But America could not be seen as anti-Chinese, with panda Xi Jinping as President and debonair PM Li Keqiang spouting his English, so we have to demonize someone. Guess who is now sporting horns?

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Luseru: Pution Sankatan

U madiñgan-yu` yan un` afamau na kapitan galaide ni kru-musa tasin Pasifiku gi todū atmos banda pot la-anaku` na tiempu. Hu faisen i amku` haf` primera na señať tradision hana` sesetbe gi kareraña gi taduñg na tasi parehu ha` ha`ane yan pueñge.

Ti matman ha apunta na i luseru `sino pution sankatan. Guaha otu siha grupon pution gi lañget. Kontodu pañgpañg mañglu` yan kilulog kurentē hana` sesetbe para u ketuñgu` manugue` `nai gaige. Guaha difirensia gi kilulog kurentē `nai hihot yan tanu` kontra ma-baba na tasi.

I puntun pot usun luseru ni hasan tana` setbe. Este buente mina` disgranau na estau `nai man-gaige hit pa`gu. Memegaiña tampen sinetnan ke fotmat na konsiderasion linala` tautau-ta. Mampos da-ñkulu este na diskuidu gi man-ma`gasta kumu kapitan galaide`ta.

Gi mismu tiempu mampos man-atotgante finalaguen otu asuntu siha ke dichu attikulu ni lumuluñu` linala` i publiku pa`gu. Yangin ni katan ti siña ma-danche, guaha mohon chansa na umatuñgu` hafa luchan? Haf` na sige ta atisa heñiun bachet yan tañga? Gaige ha` i luseru gi sagaña!

Nuebu na kuttura

Maseha haf` na asuntu ni sessu maripite uttimoña mama` nuebu na kuttura layeye pot konbiñiente. Estague` humistototba-yu` gi `nos kuantos siha asuntun linahyan.

Pot ihemplo: machoneg inestablesen casino. Dispues sige man-afañague na adaha sa` inestotba asuntun hanom yan kandet gi

sankattan na patte giya Saipan.

Na ti debi este siha na kuestion u fan masatba finenina antes de umasaulag hasupag i asuntu? Kau in` tiñgu` na taya` lamasan hanom (water table) giya Magpi?

I tres planun hotel (kasse 2,900 na kuattu) dañkulu nesessidatña hanom, kandet, sewer yan chalan siha. Ni fondu para este na fasili-dat siha taigue gi lamasa `nai sige machukan i asuntun casino.

Ginen este na fatsun disposision uttimoña ginen halom na diskuidu u diniteni i planu siha gi ge`fena. Yangin gi presente ti siña i CUC kalamten sa` tai fondu para nesessidat kandet pa`gu, u siña mohon prumebeniye mas nesessidat gi halom tres esta siñko años na tiempu? Dios tiampare na diskuidu i hita pa`gu man-ma-onse gi karetan guaka para ta hala i toru ni tapega gi sanhilu`!

Na ti magahet na i pisun mahatsan nuebu na guma` ha tu-tuhongue` ginen papa` hulu`? Nuebu na modun kuttura manhatsan guma` ginen i atuf papa`!

Hinalom man-hoben

Lamegai na man-hoben (man-edukau yan eksperiensiau) umatrabi siha man-malagu para offisinan lehislatura. Sumen namagof i sig-nifikasion este na disision kada unu. Anog na siha lokue` man-o`sun esta ni mismu yinalaka` harina ni debi esta u tinilaika ni modetnu na trastes mamatinas pan mames.

Parehu yan tinilaikan tasi deste afnu` esta ma`te. Guaha siempre fina` risake lau dipotsihe ha` ennuu gi kinekeyuñg kurenten gi fina` chubaskon politika. Ti tinilaika i faktu na man-edukau yan eksper-

to hell with the cheap talk.

The Public School System just recently complained about how the present administration failed to support PSS` tourist industry training plan for our youth. The NMC regents also went on record last week complaining about the need for NMC to do more in training our youth for the workforce. These complainers obviously don` t know what`s happening and don` t care as long as their rooter wins at the expense of our youth and their future. Presently, the majority of our youth don` t even have a prayer for getting a job in the CNMI after graduation, so voters please don` t listen to the cheap talk.

Ambrose M Bennett

Kagman, Saipan

Ambrose Bennett has it wrong

In your Aug. 12 letter to the *Saipan Tribune*, you state that this flyer is old. It was given to me on Aug. 7 by a Democratic Party official. It wasn` t a revision; it`s pretty close to a manifesto. Why do NMDs need protection? It`s protection from other, rich, un-scrupulous NMDs, that`s what. They need an honest and trans-parent government that protects all of its citizens and whose leaders are not afraid to say Chamorro, Carolinian, Filipino, Chinese, Japanese, *haole*, etc., instead of`Chamorro, Carolinian and other citizens.` We have a name just like you do. Get real, its 2014, not 1814.

Guam and Hawaii are immaterial to the CNMI. Six families own the CNMI and Calvos own Guam. It`s pure nonsense to think any-thing will change without the 3,000 nonvoting, registered voters, and the 3,000 to 4,000 unregistered voters, getting involved.

As far as your Democrats go, Mr. Guerrero introduced two bills, a basketball court and a road when he was in the 5th Legislature. Mr. Quitugua introduced 40 bills in the 13th. This ticket should be reversed but, since up to four Guerreros have been in every single House and Senate since 1978, that`s the only reason you have a Guerrero on the ticket. Has nothing to do with their qualifications, which in this case is not much.

Voters, stop putting ex-government officials back into office. It`s stupid. It`s these same guys that have kept the CNMI on a backward track since 1978. If you keep doing the same thing over and over and expect different results, you are insane, not just cra-zy, you`re insane.

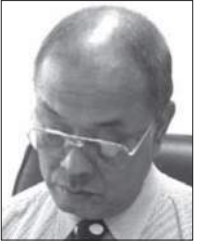
Mr. Bennett, I suggest you go to any hotel here and you will find young local people working in them. These kids are clean, neat, polite and eager. Anyone that goes looking for a job in dirty clothes, chewing betel nut, looking like they just woke up will not be hired, even to make up rooms.

I`m sorry but not one PSS graduate I`ve talked to is ready to be hired when they graduate. They may know fractions but they don` t know anything about the real world. The `culture` of the past 35 years of having slaves do all the menial work in the CNMI is going to be the one stumbling block, for Chamorro kids especially. They

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iensiau i nuebu na tropan kandidatu.

“Chansa ha` in` nesessita para ta aregla tatte futuron famaguon-ta”, ilegña un` hoben na kandidatu giya guaha. Hu pesa fino`ña yan tinateña ya huñgan konfotmeyu` umayeg na biahen eleksion. Di-didi` ha` na ayudu ha nesessita plumanta mona man-mauleg yan fitme siha na areglu.

Planun amigu hu Magoo

Bes enkuando, mattu lokue` amigu hu Magoo para u toma padiset-yu` na guaha lokue` planuña kumandidatu. Ti hu chaba` ensegidas pot malaguyu` humuñgog haf` ayu i trabiha ti fumatotigug talañga-hu. Enfin sige ha planta papa` haf` para uchogug.

Para una` guaha programan manhoben, che`chu` DCCA. Para u fan manayane i man-malañgu, che`chu` manehantan CHC. Umana` baratu i kandet, obligasion administrasion. U fan ma-apase man-ritirau ni 25 pot sientu na sueddun niha ni ma-utut ni gobietnu, obli-gasion administrasion. Todu pot todū kulan mohon kada familia ha nesessita ayudun Red Cross.

Todu hinassoña para u fama che`chu` Santa Claus. Hombre si Santa Claus suette `an mattu mage Marianas pot ha tuñgu` na megaiña guine saki ke manu gi tanu`. Huna`e ihemplo pot nina`en guihan yan finana`guen peskan guihan. I primet chumochu i tautau un` dia. I segundu esta i finataiña sa` emeyag pumeska para man-tensioña.

I asuntun linahyan na biahe mampos te`ug yan komplikau. Pore-su na debi i para ta pega na eleksion ayu i man-ma-eduka pot lu-menos kolehu. Ti siña esta ta atotga i kotbatan Sears Roebuck kumu tampen sinetnan sa` siempre u anog klaru na un` atrebi hau gi ti fafayimu! Dinancheña `an un` espiha haf` otu `nai lagse hau ya un` apprubecha umayuda famaguon-mu gi edukasion niha!

Pot chaleg: Guaha `nai in` hiñgog konbetsasion dos tañga? I unu ume`esalau na guaha inasnen tukun mientras i otu pot mañge` flita-dan guaka. Dispues, umako`lau i dos gi lapupueñge. Kau ma-apot-su` biahen niha? Esta pa`gu ti siña hu danche `sino komprende haf` taimanu na umadanche hinanau bisita gi lemlem tautau. Dios mihu!

expect to walk into a hotel, or other business, and start in a position over CWs already working there. You have inbred this prejudice into them over the past 35 years.

Voters, go to www.cnmileg.com and check out every single cur-rent and ex-lawmaker`s record while they were in office. Vote for all women, anyone not from the government, and no one over 35 if you can find enough. Be informed for 2014. I`m 74 and I don` t get excited.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

A suggestion for lawmakers

I am writing this simple letter for our elected leaders if there is a law pertaining to private companies doing work as a process server of court documents. This is with regards to a process serv-er entering private property or going to workplaces to serve an individual court documents. I believe that it`s a form of harass-ment to be checking a client during work hours. There are times when coworkers or neighbors get to know the confidentiality of the issues because of how the server enters the privacy of a cli-ent. I think the proper way is for the company to send documents to the prospective client via their mailing address. I hope that something is done with this issue because there`s a lot of people that have the same problems of how the process server enters the private property or workplaces. I am asking you all lawmakers to please look into this matter because this is disturbing the peace and harassment of a citizen.






Luis Sablan

Dandan Homestead, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲83 ▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲81 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83 ▼79
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼80
Pohnpei	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼80
Kosrae	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼80
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼80

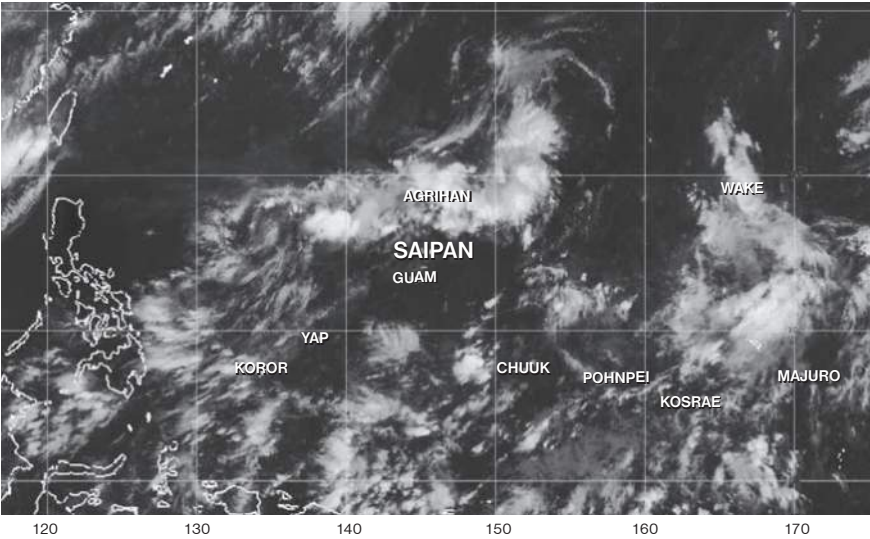
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲55 ▼50
Beijing	Sunny	▲85 ▼65
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼75
London	Showers	▲72 ▼52
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼76
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲56 ▼40
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90 ▼78
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲81 ▼63
Osaka	Showers	▲92 ▼78
Paris	Showers	▲72 ▼55
Pusan	Rain	▲74 ▼70
Rome	Thundershowers	▲84 ▼66
Salem	Showers	▲78 ▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼67
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼77
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲84 ▼62

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
5:19 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet
10:56 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
5:29 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
11:36 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation is centered west of the Marianas at about 15N138E. A surface trough extends northeastward to about 17N141E then eastward to 19N151E then turns northward to end at about 23N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and within 250 miles northwest of the trough. A surface trough extends southward from the circulation above between Yap and Koror to EQ137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Koror between 2N and 6N from 133E to 135E within 75 miles of a line curving northeastward from EQ140E to 6N142E and west of Koror between 6N and 11N from 130E to 134E. Convergent trade winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms west of Chuuk between 7N and 9N from 147E to 150E and south of Chuuk and Pohnpei and around Kosrae between the equator and 6N from 151E to 170. A surface trough runs north from 9N167E near Kwajeleln through Wake Island to beyond 25N167E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located over Kwajeleln and Wake Island within 330 miles of the trough. Another surface trough running north and south near the dateline is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 6N and 19N from 175E to east of the dateline.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:40 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM
Monday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:29 PM	9:12 AM
Friday	10:16 PM	10:09 AM
Saturday	11:03 PM	11:06 AM
Sunday	11:50 PM	12:00 PM
Monday		12:54 PM

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS		
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN		
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am 3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am 3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm 6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm 6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm 1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm 2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm 2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm 1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm 1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm 1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm 1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm 1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)		
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm 6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm 2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN		
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm 6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm 2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm 2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm 3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN		
DL287	6:05am	8:35am 1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN		
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am 1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN		
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am 4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1 3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN		
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am 2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1 1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN		
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am 4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1 3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am 1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1 4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN		
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am 2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1 1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am 1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am 3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm 2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm 1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm 3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1 6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm 6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1 1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm 2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1 4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm 5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1 4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm 1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1 1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm 4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1 4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1 2 via GUM
			UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1 5 via GUM
			UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1 5 via GUM
			UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1 2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN		
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am 1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm 3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm 1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1 Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
D2 8009	12:50pm	4:05pm Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm 6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1 5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm 1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1 1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm 1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

FHB creates Aloha for Puna to support storm relief efforts

HAGATNA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank announced yesterday the establishment of the Aloha for Puna fund to assist Big Island residents in the Puna region with relief and recovery efforts following storm Iselle. The bank has contributed the first \$25,000 to the Fund. Monetary

donations are being accepted at all First Hawaiian Bank branches. » < **Donations accepted at all FHB branches** Fund will be donated to the Hawaii Island United Way, directly benefiting affected residents through their member agencies

in Puna, according to an announcement made by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president and chief executive officer.

In addition to the monetary donation, First Hawaiian Bank

customers affected by the storm are encouraged to call 643-5626 for assistance with loans and credit card payments.

"Hawaii Island United Way extends a huge heartfelt mahalo to First Hawaiian Bank for establishing this Aloha For Puna fund and also for their very

generous donation of \$25,000. It jumpstarts the fund in a big way," said Jeanine Atebara, Hawaii Island United Way president and chief professional officer. "We invite everyone who has asked how they can help, to consider making a donation to the Aloha For Puna fund."

"Our heart goes out to everyone who was affected by the storm and especially those in the Puna district of the Big Island that got hit the hardest," said Harrison. "We want to help our friends and family members in Puna, many of whom are still dealing with the aftermath, to get their lives back to normal as quickly as possible."

Those interested in making

a monetary contribution to the Aloha For Puna fund may do so at any First Hawaiian Bank branch through Sept. 30, 2014.

The Hawaii Island United Way is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that supports 54 health and human service programs provided by 40 non-profit Partner Agencies to benefit Hawaii

Island residents. Their mission is to unite people, organizations and resources to build a healthier community. To learn more, visit <http://www.hiunitedway.org/>

First Hawaiian Bank (www.FHB.com) is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank with over \$17.5 billion in total assets and 62 branches throughout Hawaii, Guam, and the CNMI. **(FHB)**

» < **Bank makes first gift of \$25,000**

Guam Guard to conduct Village Run in Barrigada

About 200 soldiers and airmen from the Guam National Guard will be conducting a unit formation run around the beautiful village of Barrigada on Friday, Aug. 15, beginning at 5:30am.

The Guam Guard members will run an approximate two-mile route within the village, starting and ending at

the Barrigada Mayor's office on Luayao Lane. The run will pass through Adacao Avenue, San Vicente Drive, As Chena Place, Nalao Place, Camacho Way (to Leyang), Captain Reyes Way (Aguon Store), Pinate Place, As Conejo Place and San Roque Drive.

The run is intended to show-

case the Guam National Guard's esprit de corps, pride, and the organization's commitment to the community as well as kick off the San Vicente Fiesta this weekend.

Residents along the run route can expect to hear military cadence as soldiers and airmen pass through their neighborhood.

More unit formation runs are planned in other villages in the future.

Motorists are requested to drive slowly and proceed with caution as they drive around and through the village of Barrigada from 5am until 8am during the unit formation run this Friday. **(PR)**



Soldiers and airmen run through Malojloj.

MAJ. JOSEPHINE BLAS

Rockhopper Adventure Trail Run returns to Kosrae

TOFOL, Federated States of Micronesia—Scuba divers and adventure travelers can now experience Kosrae's stunning tropical landscape in a different way with the second Rock Hopper Adventure Trail Run on Sept. 1, 2014. The 5.7-mile run will include on-road and off-road terrain. Runners and their cheering parties can enjoy exploring Kosrae's lush rainforests, ancient ruins, and meeting local craftspeople along with world-class diving with one of Kosrae's local dive shops.

The secluded island of Kosrae, located halfway between Hawaii and Guam, is home to some of the world's most unspoiled coral reefs and blue-water dive sites.

The \$15 race entry fee includes a commemorative race tee shirt. The deadline for the race registration is Aug. 31. Runners and walkers are encouraged to participate.

Two hotels on the island—

The Kosrae Village Resort and Pacific Treelodge Resort—are offering special room rates around the time of the Rockhopper Run. Accommodations are also available at the Kosrae Nautilus Resort. Email the resorts directly for rates and reservations.

Kosrae's scuba diving, tropical beauty and relaxing vibe are plenty enough reason to visit the island. Kosrae also hosts cultural and commemorative events year round. Visiting during these times is a great way to see Kosrae at its most festive.

About Kosrae

Kosrae is an eco-traveler's paradise and an internationally acclaimed dive destination. A 42-square-mile island, it is one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia. Kosrae's reefs are considered to be among the most pristine remaining in the world. Learn more at www.Kosrae.com. **(Kosrae Visitors Bureau)**

USDA NRCS provides training for Peace Corps trainees

During the past two months U.S. Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service has worked closely with the latest group of Peace Corps trainees, who arrived in June, to teach them the skills necessary to start a school garden at their future work sites.

Most of the trainees did not have any previous experience with gardening, so the training had to start with the basics.

The gardening training was carefully tailored to fill the needs of the future Peace Corps volunteers who will work in both atoll settings and on high islands.

Peace Corps has made gardening part of their curriculum because it is an opportunity to use gardening as a tool to teach language, math, science and health skills to students who are

then encouraged to transfer the gardening knowledge learned in the classroom to their homes and communities.

On Friday, June 8, the trainees harvested their garden and made gift baskets for their host families as part of a ceremony that was held to recognize the host families and thank them for their time and effort.

Ambassador Dorothea-Maria Rosen and Peace Corps Country Director Robert Reid also provided remarks to thank the host families for their generosity and service in assisting the Peace Corps trainees with their adjustment to a new culture.

Following the ceremony the trainees conducted a talent show that featured the musical talents of the trainees. **(U.S. Embassy Colonia)**

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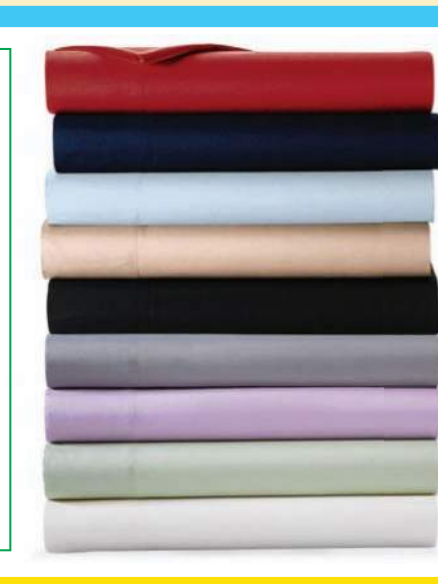
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US budget deficit running 24.2 percent below 2013

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The July deficit was \$94.6 billion, an improvement of 3.1 percent from a year ago, the

Treasury Department reported Tuesday in its monthly budget statement.

For the first 10 months of this budget year, the deficit totals \$460.5 billion, down 24.2 percent from the same period a year ago.

The Congressional Budget Office expects this year's deficit to total around \$500 billion, down from \$680.2 billion last year. That would be the lowest deficit since an imbalance of \$458.6 billion in 2008, which was a record at the time. The

Great Recession and efforts to deal with the financial crisis sent deficits above \$1 trillion for four straight years.

The July imbalance followed a \$70.5 billion surplus in June, a month when government coffers are swelled by quarterly tax

payments. But without the quarterly payments, the government ran a deficit in July, a month when it has recorded deficits in 58 of the last 60 years.

The yearly deficit peaked at \$1.4 trillion in 2009 and remained above \$1 trillion for each of the next three years, finally falling to \$680.2 billion last year.

CBO projects the deficit will fall to \$469 billion in 2015 before starting to rise again, topping \$1 trillion annually starting in 2023. Spending on the

government's major benefit programs, including Social Security and Medicare, will drive those increases as more baby boomers retire.

For the first 10 months of the current budget year, which began in October, government revenue totals \$2.47 trillion, up 8 percent from the same period a year ago, reflecting a stronger economy which has boosted employment and led to rising income tax revenues and higher corporate tax payments.

Apple's tech jobs held mostly by white, Asian men



In this Aug. 25, 2011 file photo, Apple employees walk between buildings at Apple headquarters in Cupertino, Calif.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Apple primarily relies on white and Asian men for its top-paying technology jobs, feeding the perception that Silicon Valley's economic boom is largely excluding women, blacks and Hispanics.

A breakdown released Tuesday by Apple Inc. showed 54 percent of the company's technology jobs in the U.S. are filled by whites and another 23 percent by Asians. Men make up 80 percent of Apple's technology workforce throughout the world. The iPhone and iPad maker didn't provide racial statistics for its global workforce of 98,000 employees.

Apple's technological tilt to-

ward white and Asian men is similar to situations previously disclosed during the past three months by other major Silicon Valley companies, including Google Inc., Yahoo Inc., Facebook Inc., Twitter Inc. and LinkedIn Corp.

Apple, the world's most valuable company, has the largest workforce among that group. A significant chunk of Apple's \$575 billion market value has enriched Apple programmers and other technology workers who received stock options to supplement their salaries, which routinely exceed \$100,000.

The tech companies have been sharing the demographic

data that they compile for the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under pressure from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow PUSH coalition. Jackson has been focusing on the tech companies because the industry has become a catalyst for new jobs and wealth as consumers buy more gadgets and spend more time immersed in digital services.

Like its peers, Apple acknowledged its workforce isn't as diverse as it should be. Apple CEO Tim Cook expressed his disappointment in a letter posted alongside the company's data. Lower-level executives of the other tech companies had

addressed diversity when they disclosed the compositions of their workforces.

"Let me say up front: As CEO, I'm not satisfied with the numbers on this page," Cook wrote. "They're not new to us, and we've been working hard for quite some time to improve them."

Jackson said he called Cook Tuesday to congratulate him for "stepping up to the plate" to discuss the data. "It shows his personal commitment and his leadership," Jackson said in a statement. "I urge him to take further bold steps to make Apple better, and leverage his leadership to make the whole industry better."

Japan's economy shrinks April-June on tax raise

TOKYO (AP)—The Japanese economy shrank at an annual pace of 6.8 percent in the second quarter after spending got slammed by a sales tax hike that kicked in from April, government figures showed Wednesday.

Japan's gross domestic product, or the total output of goods and services, also contracted 1.7 percent during the April-June period from the previous quarter. The decline in GDP was the worst since the economic

tailspin that followed the March 2011 tsunami and quake disaster in northeastern Japan.

The weak figures were expected as consumers and businesses had front-loaded spending in the first quarter to beat the April 1 increase in sales tax. Economists expect spending to pick up again in coming months.

The government, under Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his "Abenomics" strategy, has been trying to pull world's

third-biggest economy out of two decades of stagnation by expanding the money supply, freeing up regulations and encouraging the yen to fall, a move that helps exporters such as Toyota Motor Corp. and camera maker Canon Inc.

But the government is also concerned about ballooning public debt and raised the consumption tax to 8 percent from 5 percent to shore up its coffers.

Previous administrations have been nervous about raising

taxes for fear the economy will slide into a recession. The Japanese economy has been eking out growth or at least staying flat in recent quarters, thanks partly to Abenomics.

Yasunari Ueno, chief market economist at Mizuho Securities Co. in Tokyo, said the second quarter contraction was within his expectations, but the slowdown reflected not only the tax hike but also lower incomes and price increases from other sources.

US job openings hit 13-year-plus high

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. employers in June advertised the most monthly job openings in more than 13 years.

Employers posted 4.67 million jobs in June, up 2.1 percent from May's total of 4.58 million, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. The number of advertised openings was the highest since February 2001, a positive sign that points to a strengthening economy.

The report "provides further confirmation that the US labor market has indeed shifted to a period of stronger growth," said Jeremy Schwartz, an analyst at the bank Credit Suisse.

Known as the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey or JOLTS, the report provides a detailed look at where employment might be heading. It records job postings, overall hiring and the number of workers who either quit or were laid-off. By contrast, the monthly employment report shows the net total of job gains or losses.

Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen relies on the JOLTS report as a barometer for economic conditions. The June figures indicate that employers are looking to expand, yet actual hiring has not increased as significantly in recent months.

Roughly the same percentage of Americans quit their jobs in June as they did in May, though the rate has increased over the past year.

Quit rates usually rise when employees are finding new and better-paying jobs.

Hiring rose in June to 4.83 million, up from 4.74 million in May. Still, the hiring rate has not risen over the past year as quickly as the number of positions being advertised.

Job openings have increased 17.6 percent during the past 12 months, while hiring has risen 9.3 percent during the same period.

This suggests a mismatch in the jobs market.

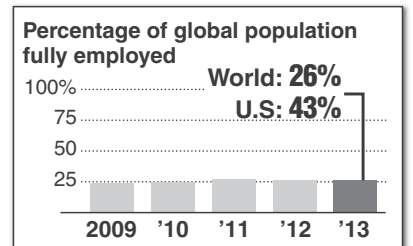
Some economists interpret the slower pace of hiring as a sign that workers lack the necessary skills. People who previously worked in manufacturing or construction might not have the right background to segue into the health care sector.

The other possibility is that companies are offering low wages that fail to attract the workers they want. If companies offered higher salaries, which could cause more openings to be filled and boost wages, which have barely match inflation since the recession ended more than five years ago.

But the pressure on employers to offer more generous wages could be increasing. On average, there are 2 unemployed workers for every job opening. That's down from an average of 2.6 unemployed people per opening at the start of the year. As that ratio continues to fall, employers will likely have to boost salaries.

1 in 4 employed full time

According to a Gallup poll, 1.3 billion people in the world had full-time employment through a single employer in 2013, with full-time employment as low as 5 percent in some countries.



Highest percentage of population employed full time

United Arab Emirates	59%
Iceland	54
Bahrain	53
Sweden	53
Russia	51

Lowest percentage of population employed full time

Burkina Faso	5%
Haiti	6
Malawi	6
Niger	6
Ethiopia	7

Source: Gallup
Graphic: Tyler Davis

Numbers include population age 15 and up working full time (not self-employed).

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Nation

Iraq isn't Syria: Congress on board this time

WASHINGTON (AP)—Little of the impassioned debate that fractured lawmakers last year over possible military intervention in Syria is happening now as American warplanes strike extremist targets in Iraq.

Almost a week into the Obama administration's emergency action in northern Iraq, the campaign is attracting surprisingly broad bipartisan support. Republicans have issued several I-told-you-so statements and called for stronger action, and dovish Democrats say they're concerned about slipping into a new war. But outright opposition has been muted.

"The need to move quickly to prevent further loss of life of men, women and children is not in dispute," said Rep. Scott Rigell, R-Va., expressing the view on Iraq of many in both parties. A year earlier, Rigell wrote a letter to President Barack Obama demanding that the White House seek congressional approval before ordering an attack on Syria, collecting the signature of more than 100 of his fellow House members.

Obama's goals are more defined this time.

Last summer he wanted to

punish Syrian President Bashar Assad's government for using chemical weapons, hoping to deter repeat attacks and, at the prodding of Senate hawks, reverse the country's civil war. With weak support at home and abroad, Obama requested authorization from Congress.

Lawmakers returned early from a recess full of town hall meetings where they heard little support for action. Facing defeat in the House and Senate, the administration ultimately opted for Russian-supported mediation and Assad relinquishing his chemical arsenal.

Several elements worked against Obama back then. Americans felt little responsibility for Syria, a country the United States has shunned for decades. Even without committing ground troops, U.S. airstrikes would have meant taking on a Syrian military with formidable air defense capabilities. The effort also could have helped anti-Assad groups with questionable motives, including the Sunni militants who've since named themselves the Islamic State and invaded Iraq, prompting that country's civil war.

Iraq's crisis is in some ways more urgent, though still far less deadly than the three-year fight in neighboring Syria, which has

killed 170,000 people.

Obama says he's acting to protect thousands of American personnel in Iraq and avert a possible

genocide of minority groups. In a place where the U.S. spent hundreds of billions of dollars and lost almost 4,500 lives trying to

secure, the fact that hundreds of thousands of Christians are at risk reinforces an American sense of responsibility.

Police won't release name of officer who shot teen

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)—The Rev. Al Sharpton pressed police Tuesday to release the name of the officer who fatally shot an unarmed black teenager in suburban St. Louis, and he pleaded for calm after two nights of violent protests over the young man's death.

Police said death threats prompted them to withhold the name of the officer, who was placed on administrative leave after fatally shooting 18-year-old Michael Brown in Ferguson, where the incident has stoked racial tension, rallies and a night of looting.

Investigators have released few details, saying only that a scuffle unfolded after the officer

asked Brown and another teen to get out of the street. At some point, the officer's weapon fired inside a patrol car, police said.

"The local authorities have put themselves in a position - hiding names and not being transparent - where people will not trust anything but an objective investigation," Sharpton said during a news conference in St. Louis where he was joined by Brown's parents.

He also echoed pleas for peaceful protests by the NAACP and Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., who told the crowd: "I need all of us to come together and do this right ... No violence."

President Barack Obama also urged calm, saying people

must comfort each other "in a way that heals, not in a way that wounds."

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon told a standing-room only crowd at a community forum Tuesday night that the shooting feels "like an old wound torn fresh" in a nation still struggling with race relations.

The forum, held at a church, was organized as an alternative response to two nights of unrest in which more crowds have burned stores, vandalized vehicles assaulted reporters and taunted officers. Ferguson's mayor and police chief also attended the meeting and were welcomed with applause.

Earlier in the day, Police Chief

Tom Jackson said he had decided against releasing the officer's name Tuesday after death threats were called into police and City Hall and posted on social media. Jackson said it could be weeks before he releases the name.

"If we come out and say, 'It was this officer,' then he immediately becomes a target," Jackson said. "We're taking the threats seriously."

The officer has been with the force for about six years and was on a routine patrol when he encountered the two young men, Jackson said.

Police have not disclosed the race of the officer, but witnesses said he was white. Brown was black.

Ohio teen returns to football team after rape case

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio (AP)—A former Ohio high school football player found guilty of raping a 16-year-old girl after an alcohol-fueled party two years ago returned to the field Tuesday with his old team.

Ma'Lik Richmond played for Steubenville High School in a scrimmage against Cambridge, WTOV-TV (<http://bit.ly/1ISi5IV>) reported.

Richmond and fellow athlete Trent Mays were adjudicated delinquent in the August 2012 assault on a West Virginia girl. Richmond was sentenced to one year in juvenile detention and Mays, who was also found guilty of using his phone to take a naked picture of the underage girl, was sentenced to two years.

Richmond, now 18, was classified as a Tier II sex offender last August, meaning he will have to register every six months for the next 20 years. Unlike adult sex offenders, Richmond's name won't be included on publicly accessible websites, and he can request to have the classification removed later based on his rehabilitation.

The school's football coach, Reno Saccoccia, said Richmond returned to school in January and was suspended from extracurricular activities for the remainder of the year. He told the TV station "it was a horrible crime," but Richmond completed everything the judicial system asked of him.

"We don't deal in death sen-



In this March 17, 2013, file photo, Ma'Lik Richmond walks towards the victim and her family to apologize after he was found delinquent on rape and other charges after his trial in juvenile court in Steubenville, Ohio.

tences for juvenile activity, and I just feel that he's earned a second chance," Saccoccia said.

Ohio High School Athletic Association spokesman Tim Stried said it is up to the school to determine whether a student athlete participates in sports.

The school's superintendent and athletic director did not return messages from The Associated Press.

Richmond's lawyer Walter Madison declined to comment on Richmond's status with the football team, but said in a written statement that "Band, debate, and sports teams reinforce critical lessons meant to guide one throughout life."



Protestors drop to their knees and put their arms in the air during a rally for Michael Brown Jr., who was shot and killed by a Ferguson police officer last Saturday, Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, in Clayton, Mo.

Authorities: California man admits killing family

GOLETA, Calif. (AP)—A man stabbed to death his elderly father, then killed his two young sons, his mother and finally the family dog. He then calmly called police to the home on California's Central Coast and told detectives the killings were his destiny, authorities said Tuesday.

The killings occurred late Monday, and Nicolas Holzer, 45, was taken into custody without incident at the home near the University of California, Santa Barbara,

that he shared with his parents and sons, ages 10 and 13. Two kitchen knives believed used in the killings were recovered.

"This is another huge tragedy for our community," said Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown, referencing the rampage in May by a gun-wielding man who killed six people and wounded 13 others near the UCSB campus.

Brown said Holzer had no prior criminal history and there were no reports of police being

summoned to the home during the seven years Holzer lived there with his parents and sons, Sebastian, 13, and Vincent, 10. He had full custody of the boys following a divorce years earlier, Brown said.

Brown said it was unclear if Holzer had mental health issues. That will be looked at as part of the investigation, he said.

Holzer told deputies he killed his 73-year-old father, William Holzer, before entering a bedroom his sons shared and stabbing them repeatedly while they slept. He then stabbed his 74-year-old moth-

er, Sheila, and the dog, the sheriff said, and "called 911 and in a calm and matter of fact manner told a dispatcher that he had killed his family."

When police arrived, they found the body of Holzer's father in the home's den and his mother's body in a hallway near the children's bedroom, Brown said. Holzer told detectives he had killed his family to fulfill what he believed was his destiny, Brown said, without elaborating.

Police said Holzer was being held without bail. No information on a pending court appearance or whether he has an attorney was immediately available.



Holzer

World

Egypt presents proposal to end Gaza war

CAIRO (AP)—Egypt presented a proposed cease-fire to Israel and Hamas aimed at ending the month-long war, Palestinian officials said early Wednesday after negotiators huddled for a second day of Egyptian-mediated talks meant to resolve the crisis and bring relief to the embattled Gaza Strip.

Palestinian officials told The Associated Press early Wednesday morning that Egypt’s proposal calls for easing parts of the Israeli blockade of Gaza, bringing some relief to the territory. But it leaves the key areas of disagreement, including the Islamic militant group Hamas’ demand for a full lifting of the blockade and Israeli calls for Hamas to disarm, to later negotiations.

If the sides accept the proposal it would have a significant impact on Palestinians in Gaza as it would improve the movement of individuals and merchandise to the West Bank, the officials said. Gaza exports and other businesses have been hit hard by restrictions imposed on the territory by Israel and Egypt after Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007.

One of the Palestinian officials who spoke to AP said that according to the Egyptian proposal the blockade would be



A Palestinian boy holds an umbrella as he rests in front of the damaged Nada Towers residential neighborhood in the town of Beit Lahiya, northern Gaza Strip, Monday, Aug. 11, 2014.X

gradually eased.

He said it would stipulate that Israel would end airstrikes on militants, and a 500-meter (547-yard) buffer zone next to the Gaza and Israel frontier would be reduced over time, he said.

The Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams retired after 10 hours of discussions and will resume the talks later Wednesday, about 12 hours before the current cease-fire is set to expire at midnight, the officials said.

It was not immediately clear if either side would accept the deal.

The Palestinian officials spoke to AP on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to discuss the negotiations with the media.

The negotiations took place after a three-day truce brokered

by Egypt took effect Monday. A similar truce collapsed last Friday after Gaza militants quickly resumed rocket fire with its expiration.

The monthlong Gaza war has killed more than 1,900 Palestinians, the majority of them civilians, Palestinian and U.N. officials say. In Israel, 67 people have been killed, all but three of them soldiers.

Iraq’s PM-designate faces challenges ahead

BAGHDAD (AP)—The choice of Haider al-Abadi to become Iraq’s next prime minister, a move that would end Nouri al-Maliki’s eight-year rule, came as a surprise to many Iraqis. He was not among the best-known members of the Baghdad political elite, nor an obvious choice to replace the embattled premier.

Al-Abadi accepted the nomination Monday to form a government in the next 30 days as parts of the country remain in the hands of the radical Islamic State group and its Sunni allies and a political firestorm brews in Baghdad with incumbent Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki insisting he will stay in power.

Al-Maliki’s Dawa party said Monday that “al-Abadi only represents himself,” suggesting a battle over who will lead Iraq out of its current crisis.

The challenge confronting Al-Abadi, a veteran lawmaker with al-Maliki’s Islamic Dawa Party, is immense. Iraq’s major political factions deeply distrust each other and the army seems unable to regain territory in the north and west taken by Sunni militants.

Al-Maliki was criticized for monopolizing power and alienat-

ing the Sunni and Kurdish populations in this diverse country. Now all eyes are on al-Abadi, a low-profile politician known for a more easy-going manner than the man he is set to replace.

“He is suave, open-minded, flexible and believes in dialogue,” former Dawa Party lawmaker Abdul-Hadi al-Hassaini told The Associated Press. “His character, along with his scientific background and the way he ran the parliament financial committee ... have made him acceptable by other players in Iraq’s politics.”

Al-Abadi appears to have already won over two critical allies. President Barack Obama said Monday that he and Vice President Joe Biden had both spoken to the prime minister-designate, and he described his selection as “a promising step forward.”

Iran, which is very influential in the country’s politics, appeared to throw its support behind al-Abadi on Tuesday as well. Ali Shamkhani, secretary of the powerful Supreme National Security Council, offered his congratulations and said the Islamic Republic “supports the legal process for choosing the new Iraqi prime minister.”

UN: OK to use untested Ebola drugs in outbreak

MADRID (AP)—The World Health Organization declared it’s ethical to use untested drugs and vaccines in the ongoing Ebola outbreak in West Africa, although the tiny supply of one experimental treatment has been depleted and it could be many months until more is available.

The last of the drug is on its way to Liberia for two stricken doctors, according to a U.K.-based public relations firm representing Liberia. The U.S. company that makes it said the supply is now “exhausted.”

Later Tuesday, Canada said it would provide some of its experimental Ebola vaccine for use in West Africa.

A Spanish missionary priest who died Tuesday in Madrid was the third person to receive the experimental treatment

called ZMapp. Two U.S. aid workers who received it in recent weeks are said to be improving.

The outbreak, the biggest in history, has killed more than 1,000 people in Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia and Nigeria.

There is no proven treatment or vaccine for Ebola; several are in early stages of development. ZMapp, made by Mapp Pharmaceuticals, is so new that it has never been tested in humans, although an early version worked in some monkeys infected with Ebola. It’s aimed at boosting the immune system’s efforts to fight off Ebola.

“If there are drugs that can save lives—as animal studies have suggested—shouldn’t we use them to save lives?” Dr. Marie-Paule Kieny, an assis-

tant director-general at WHO, told a Geneva press conference Tuesday.

But it is “very important to not give false hope to anybody that Ebola can be treated now. This is absolutely not the case,” she added.

ZMapp is made in tobacco plants, and U.S. officials have estimated that only a modest amount could be produced in two or three months, unless some way to speed up production is found.

The U.N. health agency says 1,013 people have died so far in the Ebola outbreak in West Africa of the 1,848 suspected or confirmed cases recorded by authorities. The killer virus is spread by direct contact with bodily fluids like blood, diarrhea and vomit.

In Celebration of Her New Life

†Mariana Reyes Duenas San Nicolas

Lovingly known as “Manang”

April 09, 1945 – August 10, 2014

Was called to her eternal rest at the age of 69

In Her New Life She Now Joins Her:

Father: Antonio Villagomez Duenas

Mother: Rosa Reyes Duenas

Brother: Jesus Reyes Duenas

Daughter: Carla Rose Duenas San Nicolas

Father In-Law: Herbert San Nicolas

Mother In-Law: Ignacia Manibusan San Nicolas

Sisters In-Law: Rita (Bang) H. Sablan, Dolores T. San Nicolas, Cynthia T. San Nicolas and Jeanne R. San Nicolas

Brother In-Law: Joseph A. Nauta

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:

Husband: Juan Manibusan San Nicolas

Daughter: Caroline SN and Robert Reams (Owen and Noah)

Son: John D. San Nicolas and Soledad Ana Camacho (Iyana Marene and Jon Jon)

Brothers and Sisters:

Rita Duenas and Vicente T. Camacho and children

Margaret Duenas and son

Maria Duenas and Joaquin C. Cabrera and children

Ricardo and Auria STA. Duenas and children

Juan R. Duenas and son

Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law:

Paz SN. Nauta and children

Priscilla SN. Muna and Mike M. Sablan and children

Ramona SN and Antonio Barcinas and children

Francisco M. San Nicolas and children

Ramon and Nenita B. San Nicolas and children

Esther SN and Robert Nesbitt and children

Moises and Norinda A. San Nicolas and children

Elisa SN and Norbert D. Camacho and daughter

Gil and Irene T. San Nicolas and children

Eloy and Christine S. San Nicolas and children

She is also survived by numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, Nieces, and Nephews.

Mass of Intentions is offered daily at 6:00AM at the Mount Carmel Cathedral. Holy Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00PM at the Cathedral.

Funeral Service will be on Monday, August 18, 2014. Her body will leave the CHC Morgue at 7:30AM and will be escorted to the Mount Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:00PM followed immediately by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated

Un Dankulu na Si Yu’us Ma’ase

Ginen i Familia

Ebola death toll continues to rise

Two health workers who contracted the Ebola virus were recently treated with experimental medicine, raising questions as to whether unregistered treatments with unknown adverse side effects should be used on Ebola patients. A total of 69 new cases and 52 new deaths have been reported most recently.

NUMBER OF EBOLA CASES AND DEATHS as of Aug. 9

Country	New	Probable/suspected	Confirmed	Total of confirmed and probable/suspected
A Guinea	Cases 11, Deaths 6	144, 135	362, 238	373 deaths, 506 cases
B Liberia	Cases 45, Deaths 29	441, 177	158, 146	323 deaths, 599 cases
C Nigeria	Cases 0, Deaths 0	13, 2	0, 0	2 deaths, 13 cases
D Sierra Leone	Cases 13, Deaths 17	74, 39	656, 276	315 deaths, 730 cases

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Source: World Health Organization
Graphic: Staff, Chicago Tribune

Environment

Farms are focus of studies on drinking water toxin

By **JOHN SEEWER**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—Scientists and farmers agree that phosphorus from agriculture runoff is feeding the blue-green algae blooms on Lake Erie linked to a toxin found in the drinking water of 400,000 people in Ohio and southeastern Michigan last week.

Ohio's political leaders are calling for more studies to find out why the blooms are increasing and how to control them. A number of environmental groups say it's time for strict regulations on the agriculture industry.

But how much of a role do the farms play? Researchers already know some of the answers, yet there are still many unknowns.

THE SOURCES

The debate over the algae blooms that produce the toxins found in Toledo's water starts with what is causing them.

Scientists say climate change has brought on more heavy spring rains that are washing fertilizers off farm fields and lawns and causing sewer overflows in cities. All of those combine to dump more phosphorus in the rivers and streams that flow into the lake.

At the same time, scientists believe invasive zebra mussels in Lake Erie have disrupted the food chain so much that it has helped the algae flourish.

Then there is the question of where all the phosphorus is coming from. It's found in farm fertilizers, livestock manure and raw sewage.

The Ohio Phosphorus Task Force—a group in Ohio representing the agriculture industry, environmental researchers and state regulators—concluded nearly two years ago that agriculture was the leading source of the phosphorus. Some researchers say it's as much as two-thirds from agriculture.

That's mainly because half the phosphorus in the lake comes down the Maumee River, which drains 3 million acres (1.2 million hectares) of farmland before flowing through Toledo and into the lake—not far from where last week's algae bloom overwhelmed Toledo's water intake.

THE UNKNOWN

While it's now widely accepted that much of the phosphorus is coming from farmland, what's much more difficult to pin down is exactly where and why.

There's an assumption that farmers are simply overfertilizing their fields. Soil tests have shown that about 30 percent of fields have more phosphorus than they need. Cutting down

on fertilizing that land would help with the problem.

But industry sales figures also show that farmers are using much less fertilizer because of advanced technology that allows them to apply it just where it's needed. The amount of phosphorus fertilizer sold in Ohio in 2011 was less than half that sold in the mid-1990s.

Another assumption is that the main source of phosphorus is the manure produced by large livestock operations and megadairies, which have increased dramatically over the past two decades along with the algae blooms.

But there's not enough monitoring right now to know if those megafarms are the culprit, researchers say. "Without soil tests it's totally impossible to determine," said Jeff Reutter, head of the Ohio Sea Grant research lab.

Less than 20 percent of all the agriculture-related phosphorus in western Lake Erie comes from livestock manure while 80 percent is from commercial fertilizer, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service.

What isn't known is how many of those livestock farms are contributing to the phosphorus problem by spreading manure onto frozen and snow-covered fields in the winter, allowing the phosphorus to wash away and end up in the lake.

The USDA recommends against putting manure on frozen ground. "The extent of how often that happens is a great unknown," said Steve Davis, a watershed specialist in Ohio with the Natural Resource Conservation Service. "It's certainly one of the first things that should stop."

THE SOLUTIONS

The only way to reduce phosphorus in the lake is to control runoff from all sources—farms, sewage systems and leaking septic tanks. Agriculture leaders within Ohio say they are committed to doing that and much research is underway to see what works best.

The farm industry is heavily promoting the idea of using the right amount of fertilizer at the right time and place. Ohio's biggest and most influential agriculture groups also are putting money into research on how to keep phosphorus on the fields.

Among the practices they are looking at are injecting fertilizer into the ground rather than spreading it in pellets on the fields and planting cover crops such as legumes to help soil absorb the phosphorus.

One other area being closely looked at is whether a move in the 1980s to reduce soil erosion



by encouraging farmers not to heavily plow their fields has contributed to fertilizer runoff.

While researchers say these are all good ideas, it's not clear how effective they will be.

"That's where the questions still remain. What's going to work?" said Laura Johnston, a research scientist at the National Center for Water Quality Research at Heidelberg University in Ohio.

AP
In this Aug. 3, 2014 file photo, Ohio Air National Guard Senior Airman Nick Wander fills a 400 gallon military water buffalo with fresh drinking water at Woodward High School in Toledo, Ohio.

In Celebration of His New Life †Enrique Matagolai Litulumar Lovingly known as "Pale Henry" January 01, 1941 – August 07, 2014

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Parents: †Antonio "Silayoong" Litulumar and
†Natividad Matagolai Litulumar

Parents In-Law: †Antonio O. Romolor and †Juliana Rogopes

Sisters: †Dolores L. Saures
†Guadalupe L. Kaipat

Brothers In-Law and

Sisters In-Law: †Joaquin Romolor, †Isidro Romolor,
†Theodoro Romolor, †Francisco S. Kaipat, †Guillermo P. Saures,
†Juan B. Kaipat, †Herman R. Selepeo, †Benancio Igualiman,
†Concepcion R. Kaipat, †Dolores R. Selepeo,
†Maxima Igauliman, †Mariano B. Kaipat

Daughter In-Law: †Lisa Jacoba Limes Litulumar

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his Wife, Theodora Rogopes Romolor Litulumar

Children and Families:

Felipe R. and Terry Jeanne Litulumar (Karl Phillip and Jojo [Edian, Karl Jr., Kenken]; Caroleen and Lau [Bernida, Lau Jr, Carlos]; Apung and Rovana [Isa Lei]; Julieann [Jaiven]; Malulang Ryan; Felipe Evan Asopii; Alexander William)

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Carmen L. and Johannes Selbart (Kiyoni Kendra; Kenneth; Keesha)

Maxima L. and Victor Lisua (Aprilynn; Jacob; Troy; Vima)

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Henry R. and Arsenia Litulumar (Frederick Henry; Hensley [TomTom]; Hope Lisa; Henry Jr.)

Ana Litulumar and Lawrence Takahashi (Ochilynn & Jacob; Rowena; Lawana)

Mercedes Litulumar and Tobias Jr. Aldan (Silayoong; Sammy Lee; Scottie; Gretha Leigh)

Rosa L. and James Blas (Audrea; Jasmine; Jady; James Jr.)

Reared Children: Rosa Mystica S. King, Aprilynn Lisua, Silayoong Litulumar, Kiyoni Kendra Litulumar

Sister: Carmen L. Kaipat

Brothers In-Law and Sisters In-Law: Juliana O. Romolor,
Francisco R. & Isabel I. Romolor, Rosa R. Romolor, Zhaodi Romolor

He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, family, friends and colleagues.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated every morning at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00am and Holy Rosary is being recited nightly also at Kristo Rai Church at 7:30pm.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, August 16, 2014. His remains will be escorted to his family residence in China Town at 7:30am from Nuestra Senora dela Paz Memorial Chapel, Beach Road, Garapan.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 11:00am followed by Interment Service at Tanapag Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

Please join us in prayers,

**Theodora Rogopes Romolor Litulumar,
Children and Families**

Life & Style

Lauren Bacall, sultry-voiced actress, dead at 89

NEW YORK (AP)—Lauren Bacall was a movie star from almost her first moment on the silver screen.

A fashion model and bit-part New York actress before moving to Hollywood at 19, Bacall achieved immediate fame in 1944 with one scene in her first film, "To Have and Have Not." Leaving Humphrey Bogart's hotel room, Bacall—a lanky figure with flowing blond hair and a stunning face—murmured:

"You don't have to say anything, and you don't have to do anything. Not a thing. Oh, maybe just whistle. You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve? You just put your lips together and blow."

With that cool, sultry come-on, not only was a star born, but the beginning of a legend, her title burnished over the years with pivotal roles, signature New York wit, and a marriage to Bogart that accounted for one of the most famous Hollywood couples of all time.

Bacall died Tuesday at the age of 89 in New York, according to the managing partner of the Humphrey Bogart Estate, Robbert J.F. de Klerk. Bacall's son Stephen Bogart confirmed his mother's death to de Klerk. She was pronounced dead at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center at 5:21 p.m. Tuesday, according to Kathleen Robinson, the hospital's media relations director.

The Academy-Award nominated actress received two Tonys, an honorary Oscar and scores of film and TV roles. But, to her occasional frustration, she was remembered for her years with Bogart and treated more as a star by the film industry than as an actress. Bacall would outlive her husband by more than 50 years, but never outlive their

together, threw all-night parties, palled around with Frank Sinatra and others and formed a gang of California carousers known as the Holmby Hills Rat



This March 7, 2010 file photo shows actress Lauren Bacall backstage during the 82nd Academy Awards in Los Angeles.

iconic status.

They were "Bogie and Bacall"—the hard-boiled couple who could fight and make up with the best of them. Unlike Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn, Bogart and Bacall were not a story of opposites attracting but of kindred, smoldering spirits. She was less than half Bogart's age, yet as wise, and as jaded as he was. They starred in movies like "Key Largo" and "Dark Passage"

Pack, which Sinatra would resurrect after Bogart's death.

She appeared in movies for more than a half-century, but none brought her the attention of her early pictures.

Not until 1996 did she receive an Academy Award nomination—as supporting actress for her role as Barbra Streisand's mother in "The Mirror Has Two Faces." Although a sentimental favorite, she was beaten by

Juliette Binoche for her performance in "The English Patient."

She finally got a statuette in November 2009 at the movie academy's Governors Awards gala.

"The thought when I get home that I'm going to have a two-legged man in my room is so exciting," she quipped.

Her persona paralleled her screen appearances: She was blunt, with a noirish undertone of sardonic humor that illuminated her 1979 autobiography, "By Myself" (she published an updated version in 2005, "By Myself and Then Some.")

Bacall was born Betty Joan Perske in the Bronx on Sept. 16, 1924 and was raised by her Romanian immigrant mother after her parents split when she was a child (her mother took part of her family name, Bacal; Betty added the extra L when she became an actress.)

"My childhood is a confusion," Bacall wrote in "By Myself," which made Bacall one of the rare celebrity authors to win a National Book Award. She told of nightmares over the arguments of her parents, of her mother's struggle to earn a living, of being sent off to boarding school.

As a young woman, Diana Vreeland, the famed editor of Harper's Bazaar, thought she was ideal for fashion modeling, and Bacall appeared regularly in the magazine. The wife of film director Howard Hawks saw her on a magazine cover and recommended her as film material, and she went to Hollywood under a contract.

Hawks became her mentor, coaching her on film acting and introducing her to Hollywood society. He was preparing a movie to star Bogart, based on an Ernest Hemingway story, "To Have and Have Not," with a script partly written by William Faulkner.

Authorities say Robin Williams hanged himself

SAN RAFAEL, Calif. (AP)—Robin Williams' personal assistant found the actor who was struggling with depression dead in a bedroom of his San Francisco Bay Area home, officials said Tuesday.



Williams

Williams' wife likely was home at the time he killed himself but was unaware, Marin County Sheriff's Lt. Keith Boyd said.

Williams was last seen alive by his wife Sunday night when she went to bed, Boyd said. She woke up the next morning and left, thinking he was still asleep elsewhere in the house.

Shortly after that, Williams' personal assistant came to the Tiburon home and became concerned when Williams failed to respond to knocks at a door. The assistant found the 63-year-old actor clothed and dead in a bedroom.

Boyd said all evidence indicates Williams, star of "Good Will Hunting," "Mrs. Doubtfire," "Good Morning, Vietnam" and dozens of other films, committed suicide by hanging himself with a belt. But he said a final ruling will be made once toxicology reports and interviews with witnesses are complete.

The condition of the body indicated Williams had been dead for at least a few hours, Boyd said. Williams also had superficial cuts on his wrist, and a pocketknife was found nearby.

Williams had been seeking treatment for depression, Boyd said. He would not say whether the actor left a suicide note.

"We still have people we want to speak with, so there is some information we're going to withhold," Boyd said. "We're not discussing the note or a note at this point as the investigation

is ongoing."

The Oscar-winning actor for years dealt with bouts of substance abuse and depression and referenced his struggles in his comedy routines. Just last month, Williams announced he

was returning to a 12-step treatment program.

The circumstances of the death do not help explain what motivated him, suicide experts said. Understanding that would require a detailed "psychological autopsy" that includes the review of medical and other records, and interviews with family and friends.

These experts stressed that suicide rarely is triggered by a single factor, such as depression or substance abuse. Typically there are at least two such influences, often compounded by acute stress, such as from financial hardship or troubled personal relationships.

"We know from decades of research that there are numerous factors that contribute to suicide risk," said Michelle Cornette, executive director of the American Association of Suicidology.

Word that the actor had killed himself left neighbors in the quiet, waterfront neighborhood of Tiburon stunned and sparked an outpouring of grief and praise from his family and Hollywood colleagues.

"Yesterday, I lost my father and a best friend and the world got a little grayer," his son Zak Williams said in a statement Tuesday. "I will carry his heart with me every day. I would ask those that loved him to remember him by being as gentle, kind, and generous as he would be. Seek to bring joy to the world as he sought."

Drinking becomes a problem for wife pressured to imbibe

DEAR ABBY: I'm not much of a drinker. I have nothing against drinking or those who do. I just do not like the taste of alcohol. Worse, I have a very low tolerance for it. After only half a glass of wine, I become so sleepy I can barely keep my eyes open. It makes me feel physically awful.

My husband takes offense to the fact that I don't want to drink. When we're out with friends, he'll have three or four beers and pressure me to the point of embarrassment in front of them until I finally give in and order a glass of wine. Of course, I then spend the rest of the evening feeling terrible. When we get home, he'll want to be intimate, but I just want to go to sleep, which aggravates him further.

I have tried for several years to discuss this with him, but he can't explain why he does this. What can I do?

JUST WATER, PLEASE

DEAR JUST WATER: Your husband is a drinker. He may be self-conscious about the amount he imbibes and feels less so if he has a drinking buddy (that's you), willing or not. To say the least, his behavior is inconsiderate -- and I mean ALL of it.

When someone is involved with a problem drinker, and from your description of his behavior your husband is one, the place to start looking for answers is Al-Anon. To find a meeting

close to you, go online to al-anon.org. Please don't wait.

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DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Cecily," has just come out to me as being a lesbian. We are both 15. I have tried my best to make her feel accepted and comfortable. But whenever she wants something from me and I refuse, she says I'm "treating her badly because she's gay."

I let it go the first couple of times, but now she does this every time she wants something. When I finally confronted her about it, she went to her mother and said I was bullying her because of her being gay. Her mother yelled at me and told me to "get my act together or get out of her life." Her mother is like a second mother to me.

Other than this, Cecily has been a great friend. This has gotten way out of hand. Abby, I have tried everything. What do I do?

WAY OUT OF HAND IN NEW YORK

DEAR WAY OUT OF HAND: Cecily may react this way because she's newly out and hypersensitive to being discriminated against for being gay. (For too many gay teens, this is a sad reality.)

Consider asking your mother to talk to Cecily's mother and explain that you're not homophobic but feel her daughter is

DEAR ABBY

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being manipulative. If the woman hears it from another adult, she may talk to her daughter about it. However, if that doesn't work, you may have to decide if it's worth it to continue the relationship under these circumstances.

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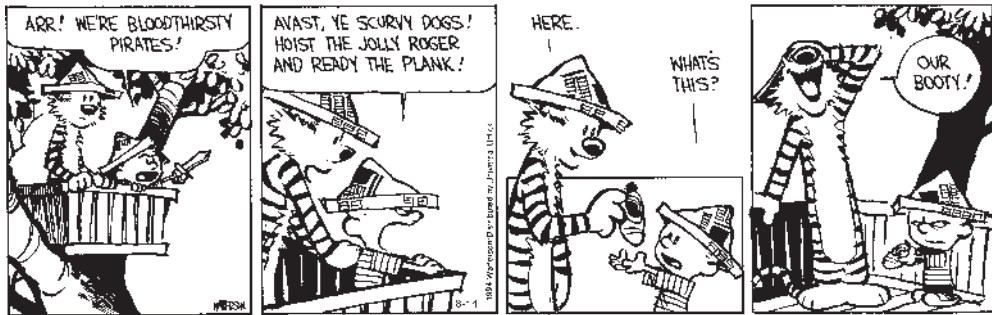
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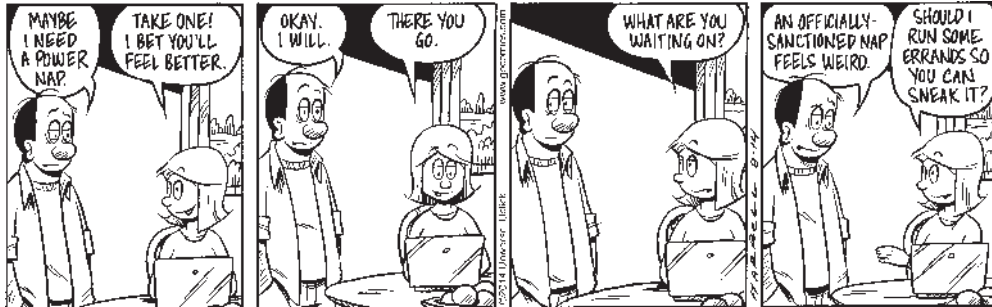


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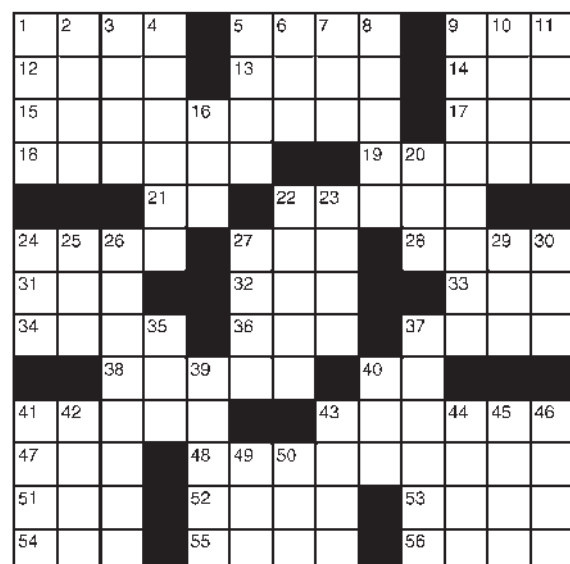
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Good fortune will smile on you if you are willing to contribute. You can make positive personal changes and invest in something you want to do and succeed. Now is the time to speak up and share the changes you want to make with someone special. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Stay in the background. You will achieve far more if you are disciplined, hardworking and don't get into debates with people who are bound to disagree with you. Don't settle for less when you can have so much more. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do whatever it takes to accomplish your goals. Research, testing and talking to those who can help you expand your knowledge and interests should be on your agenda. An investment at home will pay off and bring you greater personal stability. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be surprised by the turn of events that takes place. Take a backseat and be the

observer until you know exactly what move to make. Don't be fooled by dirty tricks or emotional blackmail. Arguments must be avoided. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can learn something new if you engage in a course, activity or event that deals with new technology, concepts or ideas. Share your findings, but don't be disappointed if someone close to you isn't as excited about your discovery. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can take care of legal, financial or medical issues with ease as long as you don't let uncertainty mess with your mind. Don't second-guess yourself about what you should do next. Hesitation will lead to mistakes. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be a leader and a peacemaker. Suggest alternatives and mediate between those who cannot get along. You can build a stellar reputation and vie for a position of authority that will increase your standard of living and result in unique partnerships. ★★★

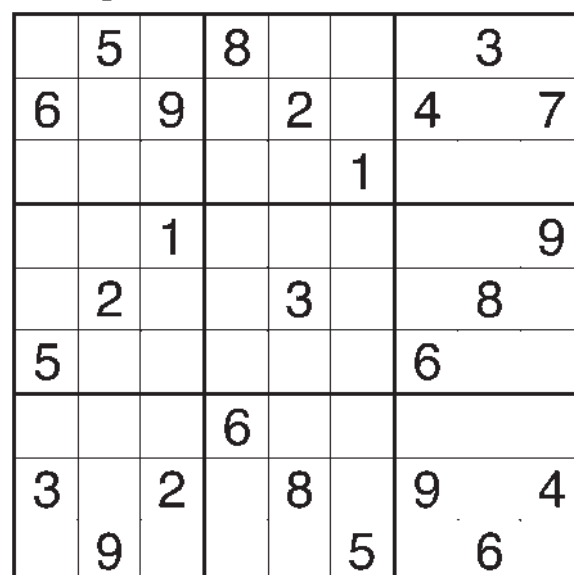
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Watch what's going on around you. Take care of domestic duties and make a point to bring comfort and creativity into your personal life. Nurture your relationships, but don't let possessiveness or jealousy lead to dictatorship. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Invest in your best attributes and don't be afraid to make personal or financial moves that will set you up for a better time and a more luxurious future. Love is on the rise and romance will improve your personal life. ★★★★★

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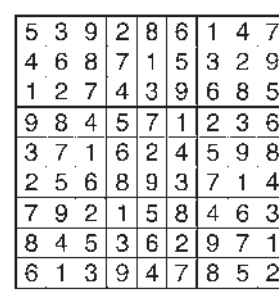
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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer



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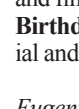
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Impulsive actions will work against you. Bide your time and ease into whatever you decide to do. Sometimes it's best to be an observer rather than a participant. Lean toward the more obscure options that will attract less competition. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Assess your situation and move forward. You will see past any of the personal situations that have clouded your vision in the past. Love, commitment and taking things to the next level will lead to greater satisfaction. Love is highlighted. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Sort through your important papers and look for an investment that will secure your financial future. Revisit contracts, medical issues or legal settlements that have yet to be resolved. Show enthusiasm and you will gain momentum and find success. ★★★



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By DAVID OUELLET

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Quarterback Quinn signs deal with Dolphins



DAVIE, Fla. (AP)—For Brady Quinn, this was a long time coming.

On the eve of the 2007 NFL draft, Quinn said he was told by “a very, very good source” that he would be taken by the Miami Dolphins, who then, somewhat famously, passed on him and chose Ted Ginn Jr. with their first-round selection, a move that drew immediate jeers from fans at the team’s draft party.

There was no jeering Tuesday.

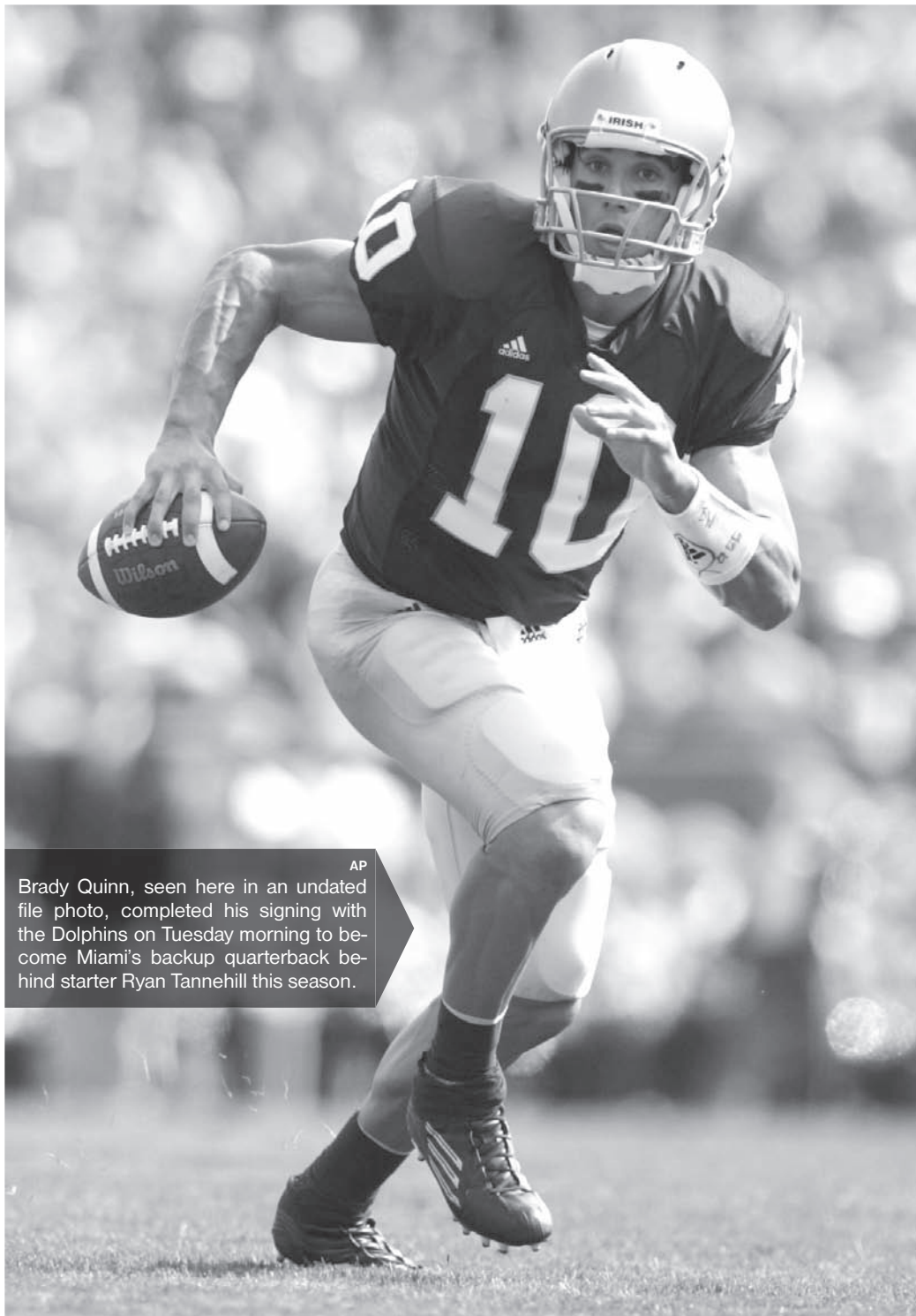
Quinn completed his signing with the Dolphins in the morning, then hit the practice field with his new club for the first time and started what basically becomes a competition with Matt Moore to become Miami’s backup quarterback behind starter Ryan Tannehill this season.

“To be honest with you, I thought I was going to Miami,” Quinn said of his draft-day experience, which eventually saw him land with Cleveland, 13 picks after Miami went with Ginn. “It’s kind of crazy to think almost eight years later now, I finally made it here.”

The Dolphins are Quinn’s seventh NFL club, although he’s only thrown passes in real games for two others - the Browns, from 2007 through 2009, and Kansas City in parts of 10 games during the 2012 season.

To accommodate the Quinn signing, the Dolphins placed quarterback Pat Devlin on the waived/injured list.

“The expectation is to get him



AP
Brady Quinn, seen here in an undated file photo, completed his signing with the Dolphins on Tuesday morning to become Miami’s backup quarterback behind starter Ryan Tannehill this season.

immersed in the system and acclimated to how we do things from a schematic standpoint as quickly as we possibly can so we can get a good evaluation of him,” said Dolphins coach Joe Philbin, whose team visits Tampa Bay in a preseason game Saturday night. “He came in, he had a very good workout, it seems to be a good fit as an individual, although reports we hear from locker room standpoint is that he’s an excellent teammate.”

Moore, who has been dealing with a shoulder issue but reported Tuesday that he is feeling much better, took the competition in stride.

“Dude, I’ve been through this too many times,” said Moore, who is due to make \$4 million this season. “It’s nothing. What do you want me to do? They’re going to do what they think they need to do. All I can do is keep going. But it really has no effect. If it does, I’m in trouble. Mentally, I think I just need to stay focused and continue to get better.”

Quinn last played Dec. 30, 2012, with Kansas City. He spent time last season with Seattle, St. Louis and the New York Jets, though did not appear with any of those clubs.

There is a certain symmetry to him being with the Dolphins, and not just because the former Notre Dame star was widely

expected to be in Miami’s draft class in 2007. He’s newly married and he and his wife have been living in Fort Lauderdale, just a few miles from the Dolphins’ facility.

“I had a couple of workouts, a couple of opportunities and this ended up being the best situation for me,” said Quinn, who was planning to work with Fox this season. “I’ve actually lived down here now for about five years in the offseason. It’s close to home to me per se and just getting married this past March makes it even better being able to be close to my wife.”

Quinn’s NFL career numbers are far from stellar: He’s thrown 12 touchdown passes and had 17 interceptions, with a rating of 64.4.

His confidence isn’t waning, however. He’s still convinced that he can help an NFL team.

“I’ve always hoped for an opportunity to be able to play in this league and play at a high level,” Quinn said. “I felt like I really did that last preseason in Seattle. I had an opportunity to go out there, we all, the three in that quarterback room really played really well. Unfortunately, they only kept two and that was the end of that. But I really felt like I was playing some of my best football last preseason. Hopefully, I can continue that into this season.”

Mickelson gets boost going into FedEx Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Phil Mickelson left the PGA Championship as a runner-up in a major for the ninth time in his career, though this one at least kept alive one streak involving the Ryder Cup and another involving the FedEx Cup.

Mickelson qualified for his 10th straight Ryder Cup team, extending his American record.

He picked up enough FedEx Cup points to move from No. 84 to No. 42, giving him the best opportunity of three players who have never

missed the Tour Championship. Only the top 30 after the BMW Championship get into the FedEx Cup finale at East Lake.

The others who have never missed the Tour Championship are Hunter Mahan and Steve Stricker.

Stricker, playing a part-time schedule for the second year, was on the bubble for The Barclays until he tied for seventh at Valhalla. That moved him up to No. 99. The next question is how much he plays over the next month, more by choice than by qualification. He has an elk hunting trip planned for September.

Mahan is having his worst

year since 2006. He had four top 10s through Doral until tweaking his back on the eve of the final round at Bay Hill. Mahan did not have another top 10 all year until a 65-67 weekend at Valhalla to tie for seventh.

He only moved up to No. 59. Mahan will have to play well at either The Barclays or the Deutsche Bank Championship to sew up a spot in Denver for the third playoff event. Also at stake the next two weeks is auditioning for Tom Watson as a Ryder Cup pick.

Five players have never missed the FedEx Cup playoffs since the series began in 2007. All of them—J.J. Henry, Brian Gay, John Merrick, Charlie Wi and John Rollins—are in Greensboro, N.C., for the Wyndham Championship, the final event of the regular season. Henry is at No. 130 and would only need something around 20th place to get into The Barclays. Rollins is at No. 164 would need to finish third.

It’s also a big week for Robert Allenby at No. 122. He used a one-time exemption as top 25 on the tour’s career money list to keep his card this year.



Raiders-Cowboys practice gets heated

OXNARD, Calif. (AP)—The joint practice between the Oakland Raiders and Dallas Cowboys went just about how the coaches scripted it Tuesday with high intensity in an emotional environment.

Then things went a bit over the line when a hard hit by Dallas cornerback Morris Claiborne on Oakland tight end Mychal Rivera led to a brawl that nearly spilled over into the stands and featured a Raiders fan swinging a helmet at a Cowboys player and cornerback B.W. Webb retaliating with a swing at the fan.

“It’s definitely a dangerous situation,” Webb said. “I don’t know why fans would want to jump on this side of the fence. I don’t think they’d like it too much on this side.”

But even that brawl and a smaller one on the other field involving Cowboys running back J.C. Copeland and Raiders linebacker Justin Cole couldn’t mar the day.

“I don’t like the fights. I want to come out and practice football,” Raiders coach Dennis Allen said. “We don’t

have any time for that, and we certainly don’t want to get anybody injured in fisticuffs. I thought both teams came out and competed and got a lot of good work in.”

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones praised the enthusiasm and atmosphere of the practice that was watched by 8,326 fans, many of whom lined up early in the morning for the chance to watch.

“It was hard to believe that this was a practice,” Jones said.

The practice was more physical than anticipated with players frequently being brought down to the turf despite both coaches saying before it started that they did not want any live tackling.

But after nearly three weeks of practicing against each other, the players were excited for the chance to hit players in another jersey.

That’s how the first brawl started. Claiborne felt as if Rivera lowered his shoulder to try to break a tackle so he responded by throwing Rivera to the ground.

That raised the ire of Raiders

receiver Greg Little, who came flying in to protect his teammate, leading to the fight on the sideline in front of a boisterous group of Raiders fans.

Players even ran over from the other field to get involved before everything was broken up.

“When I came to the sideline, guys were still talking about it and talking about how it amped them up,” Claiborne said. “It should have happened a little earlier in practice and maybe we would have gotten a little more noise out here.”

This was a homecoming of sorts for the Raiders, who held training camp at this exact site from 1985-95.

Celebrities such as Magic Johnson and Tommy Lasorda even came out for festivities.

The Raiders had many fans from their time in Los Angeles on hand and officials were extra careful to keep the two teams’ supporters on opposite sides of the field.

The Raiders fans seemed to outnumber the Cowboys supporters and there were derogatory chants from both sides and a chant from Raiders fans of

“Bring them back! Bring them back!” in hopes of a possible return to Los Angeles.

“It’s a reality check for all the new guys who thought they knew what the Raider nation was all about,” Raiders fullback Marcel Reece said. “They’d heard the stories and put on the jersey one time for a preseason game, and it’s a reality check for them. They have no idea what it is, and they come here to another team’s training camp and they out-show their fans.”

The teams will hold another joint practice on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, Raiders TE Nick Kasa injured his left knee when he got tangled up with Cowboys S Ryan Smith in a drill. Allen said Kasa will have an MRI to determine how much damage there is.

In other news, Oakland owner Mark Davis said he had no discussions with Cowboys owner Jerry Jones about his recent visit to San Antonio when he met with city officials. The Raiders are in the final year of their lease in Oakland and are looking for a new stadium.

Haren, Dodgers beat hapless Braves, again



ATLANTA (AP)— The Dodgers are getting solid performances out of their starting pitchers.

Pretty good hitting, too.

Dan Haren pitched six innings and sparked the go-ahead rally with a single, leading Los Angeles to another win over the skidding Atlanta Braves, 4-2 on Tuesday night.

It was the second night in a row the Dodgers got production out of the ninth spot in the order. The previous night, Kevin Correia had two hits and scored a run.

"I was hoping I didn't get thrown out," Haren (10-9) quipped about his hit to right-center field. "It takes me about eight seconds to get to first."

After allowing a fourth-inning homer to B.J. Upton that put the Braves up 2-1, Haren reached base with one out in the fifth. Carl Crawford followed with a double, sending Haren to third, and the pitcher scored the tying run on Yasiel Puig's grounder to third.

"Puig hit the ball and I wasn't sure if it was going to the pitcher," Haren said. "I just went!"

Matt Kemp hit a little bloop to right that just got over the glove of second baseman Tommy La Stella, bringing home Crawford.

That was enough for the Dodgers.

Mike Minor (4-8) matched his longest outing of the past month after being skipped his previous turn in the rotation. The Atlanta lefty went 6 2-3 innings, allowing eight hits and three runs.

Kenley Jansen earned his 33rd save.

The Braves lost for the 11th time in their last 13 games, including two straight to the Dodgers.

With Los Angeles up 1-0, Upton drove his ninth homer of the season deep into left-field seats. It was his sixth career homer off the Dodgers right-hander; Upton has no more than three homers against anyone else.

Minor came into the game with a 5.42 ERA, having surrendered nine hits, two homers and five runs in his most recent start Aug. 1, a 10-1 loss at San Diego.

"I changed some things mechanically, with some of my grips. I thought my stuff was moving better," Minor said. "It was encouraging."

The Dodgers padded their lead in the ninth without a hit. Braves shortstop Emilio Bonifacio botched an easy grounder, and Darwin Barney hustled all the way to second on the error. Barney moved to third on a groundout, and scored on David Hale's wild pitch.

Astros 10, Twins 4

In Houston, Minnesota Twins rookie Yohan Pino was well aware of Houston Astros slugger



Dan Haren pitches for the Los Angeles Dodgers during their game against the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014, in Atlanta. AP

Chris Carter's hot hitting.

But despite Pino's best efforts to dodge the dangers of throwing strikes to him, Carter connected twice for home runs as the Astros cruised to a 10-4 win over the Twins on Tuesday night.

"I wanted to try to stay away," Pino said. "I tried to throw a slider away to try to get a ground ball, but I left it up."

The game was tied in the third inning when Carter's two-out, two-run drive to the Crawford Boxes in left field put Houston up 3-1.

Carter homered again on his next at-bat with a three-run shot in the fifth to chase Pino (1-5), who allowed a season-high seven runs on seven hits in 4 1-3 innings for his third straight loss.

"We've seen Carter do that before," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He hit, I don't know how many, off of Pino."

Carter leads the majors with 15 homers since July 1. Tuesday was his second multi-homer game in a week, and his 28 home runs are third in the American League.

Collin McHugh (5-9) allowed four hits and a run in six innings for the win.

Padres 4, Rockies 1

In San Diego, Odrisamer Despaigne pitched five-hit ball for seven innings, leading the San Diego Padres to a 4-1 win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night for their fourth straight win.

Despaigne (3-3) struck out eight and walked two for San Diego, which has won 10 of 13. Chris Nelson drove in two runs in the eighth inning for the Padres.

Alexi Amarista and Abraham Almonte also drove in runs. Yasmani Grandal had two of the Padres' six hits.

Yohan Flande (0-5) went six innings and gave up four hits and two runs as Colorado lost for the fifth time in six games.

It was Despaigne's first win since June 29 against Arizona, when he won in the second of

his first two major league starts.

Despaigne allowed 10 runs in his last two outings before rebounding against Colorado, the major's worst road team at 18-43.

Colorado's run came on Corey Dickerson's ninth-inning homer, his third in three games.

Almonte put the Padres up 2-0 in the fourth when his sacrifice fly scored Rymer Liriano. Liriano reached on his first major league hit - an infield single.

The Padres opened the scoring in the second when Yonder Alonso scored on Amarista's fielder's choice.

Pirates 4, Tigers 2

In Pittsburgh, Edinson Volquez allowed two runs over six innings as the Pirates jumped on the Tigers early in a victory.

Volquez (10-7) struck out five and walked two against five hits to improve to 6-1 in his last seven decisions.

Travis Snider went 2 for 4 with an RBI for the Pirates. Gaby Sanchez and Ike Davis added RBI doubles and Jordy Mercer chipped in a run-scoring single.

Alex Avila hit his ninth homer of the season for Detroit.

Robbie Ray (1-2) gave up four runs in five-plus innings while making a spot start for the weary Tigers. Detroit has lost six of seven as it battles surging Kansas City for the lead in the AL Central.

Rangers 3, Rays 2

In Arlington, Carlos Ramos walked Adam Rosales with two outs in the 14th inning to force in the winning run and the Texas Rangers beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 on Tuesday night.

Ramos (2-5), the Rays' seventh pitcher, walked Rosales on four pitches, allowing pinch-running pitcher Nick Martinez to score.

Texas' sixth pitcher, Scott Baker (1-3) earned the victory with two scoreless innings. The Rangers had lost all 20 games in which

he appeared before Tuesday.

Geovany Soto reached on third baseman Evan Longoria's error with one out in the 14th. Martinez entered and advanced on singles by Rougned Odor and Shin-Soo Choo before Rosales walked.

Rangers starter Nick Tepesch allowed no hits until Sean Rodriguez singled to lead off the fifth inning.

Nationals 7, Mets 1

In New York, Michael Taylor homered in his big league debut, setting off a silly sequence to retrieve the souvenir, as the Nationals backed Doug Fister with four long shots in a romp over the Mets.

Bryce Harper homered early, then Anthony Rendon, Ian Desmond and Taylor connected in the sixth inning as the NL East leaders won their ninth straight at Citi Field.

Promoted from Triple-A over the weekend, Taylor singled in his first at-bat and later hit a two-run drive the opposite way at one of the majors' most spacious parks.

Fister (12-3) came back from a 25-minute rain delay and pitched seven shutout innings. He gave up seven hits, walked none and struck out three.

Rafael Montero (0-3) was tagged for three homers and five runs in five-plus innings.

Marlins 3, Cardinals 0

In Miami, Jarred Cosart pitched seven innings in a duel with Adam Wainwright to earn his first victory for the Marlins, who beat the Cardinals.

Cosart allowed three hits and one walk to win for the first time since July 7. The victory came in his second start for Miami after being acquired from Houston in a trade for prospects.

He's 1-1 with Miami and 10-7 overall this year.

Wainwright (14-7), making his first start against the Marlins since 2010, missed a

chance to become the first 15-game winner in the majors. He went seven innings and allowed three runs, with two coming on a home run off the foul pole by Donovan Solano.

Red Sox 3, Reds 2

In Cincinnati, Yoenis Cespedes hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning, lifting the Red Sox to a win over the Reds.

One pitch after ducking away from Jonathan Broxton's high-and-inside fastball, Cespedes launched a no-doubt, 433-foot drive to center field with two outs and Brock Holt on second base to give Boston back-to-back victories for the first time since a five-game winning streak from July 13-20.

Cespedes hit his 19th homer of the season and second with Boston — one in each of the last two games.

Tommy Layne (1-0) got the final out of the seventh inning for the win. Broxton (4-1) was the loser.

Mat Latos retired 11 straight batters before Daniel Nava led off the seventh with a double. Xander Bogaerts snapped a 0-for-15 slump with an RBI single.

Angels 7, Phillies 2

In Anaheim, Whatever had been bottling up the Los Angeles Angels' offense finally got dislodged during one remarkable inning.

Kole Calhoun homered and had an RBI single during a seven-run sixth, and the Angels' struggling offense rebounded for a 7-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

David Freese had a two-run double during the lengthy rally, which propelled Los Angeles to just its second win in seven games. Calhoun bookended the rally with two of his three hits for the Angels, who had scored just nine runs in the previous 61 innings for a club that led the majors in scoring at the All-Star break.

"It's nice to bust out like that,

and it hopefully gets us rolling," said Calhoun, who has four straight multihit games. "This is a talented offense up and down. It's going to turn around."

White Sox 3, Giants 2

In San Francisco, Gordon Beckham hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning and the Chicago White Sox beat the San Francisco Giants 3-2 on Tuesday night after blowing a two-run lead in the ninth.

One batter after Jordan Danks was thrown out trying to score from third on a fielder's choice, Beckham hit an 0-1 pitch from San Francisco reliever Santiago Casilla (1-2) past shortstop Brandon Crawford into left field. Sierra, who entered the game as a late defensive replacement, scored easily.

Adam Dunn hit a two-run home run off Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong in the first for Chicago, which wasted another strong start by Chris Sale when reliever Jake Petricka gave up four hits in the ninth.

Beckham, who made two stellar defensive plays including one in the ninth, bailed out the White Sox bullpen with only hit in five at-bats.

Zach Putnam (4-2) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win.

Mariners 6, Blue Jays 3

In Seattle, J.A. Happ doesn't believe the Toronto Blue Jays are putting an excessive amount of importance on an August series.

He is willing to give some credit to the new co-leaders in the race for the second wild card in the American League.

"It's just they are doing the things we're not right now, and we need to turn it around," Happ said.

Kyle Seager and Kendrys Morales hit solo home runs, Dustin Ackley added a key two-out, two-run single, and the Seattle Mariners moved into a tie for the second wild card spot with a 6-3 win over the Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

Toronto dropped the first two games of the series and was sloppy in doing so. The Blue Jays committed two errors, including a simple fielding miscue by reliever Aaron Loup in the eighth that gave Seattle an insurance run.

Cubs 3, Brewers 0

In Chicago, Rookie Kyle Hendricks allowed six hits over 7 1-3 innings in his third consecutive win as the Cubs cooled off Willy Peralta and the Brewers.

Hendricks (4-1) struck out five and walked one in his third consecutive win, continuing an impressive opening run for his major league career.

Anthony Rizzo hit his 26th homer for Chicago, which had lost three of four.

Trying for a major league-high 15th win, Peralta (14-7) allowed three runs and seven hits in 6 1-3 innings.

LA Clippers sale to Steve Ballmer complete

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Steve Ballmer finally has an NBA outlet for his rah-rah displays of emotion as the new owner of the Los Angeles Clippers.

The former Microsoft CEO's record \$2 billion purchase of the team was confirmed by a Los Angeles judge on Tuesday, clearing the way for the avid pickup basketball player to take over the team from Donald Sterling, who unsuccessfully fought his estranged wife over the sale.

The sale achieves Ballmer's longtime goal of owning a team. He made a bid last year before owners chose to keep the Kings in Sacramento, rather than allow them to be sold to a group that included Ballmer and moved to Seattle.

Now the man with the booming voice and energetic high-fives, who was Microsoft's biggest booster, has got his own team to share with his wife and three sons.

"We're a family that likes basketball," he told The Associated Press in a phone interview.

Ballmer, who lives in the Seattle area, said he hopes to attend a lot of Clippers games next season. He said interim CEO Dick Parsons has agreed to stay on for the time being.

"That gives me a chance to figure this all out," he said.

The sale ousted Donald Sterling as the NBA's longest-tenured owner. He bought the team in 1981 for \$12 million and presided over decades of losing seasons before battling

his estranged wife in probate court to hold on to his most prized asset.

Adam Streisand, Ballmer's attorney, said Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas signed the order authorizing the sale even if Donald Sterling's attorneys filed an appeal, which they did late Tuesday.

"Donald Sterling's petitions are patently frivolous," said Pierce O'Donnell, Shelly's attorney. "Donald's request for relief is moot."

O'Donnell said his side filed an opposition urging denial of the petitions. He said the Sterling Family Trust received money from the sale earlier Tuesday.

Donald Sterling's attorneys weren't available to comment.

The NBA Board of Governors had previously approved the deal.

"Really excited—in a pretty hardcore way—to continue the path to making the Clippers a better and better basketball team, and a better and better citizen of the Los Angeles community," Ballmer told the AP.

The sale was welcome news to All-Star power forward Blake Griffin.

"I look forward to having Mr. Ballmer as the owner and continuing our pursuit of a championship," he said.

Mayor Eric Garcetti said he had urged Donald Sterling to sell the team after a recording surfaced in April of the owner scolding his girlfriend for bringing black men to Clippers games, and he welcomed Ballmer.

"We have somebody who's

going to keep the team here, who has the resources to continue to build the Clippers," the mayor said.

Shelly Sterling lamented losing the team, but Ballmer gifted her with the title of "owner emeritus." She will receive two floor seats, 10 other seats and parking at Staples Center for games.

"I am confident that Steve will bring the city a championship team in the very near future," she said.

Ballmer takes over what could be a powerhouse team next season, led by coach Doc Rivers. By agreeing to the record purchase price, he has already proven he is willing to spend in contrast to the famously frugal Sterling, long regarded as the worst owner in the NBA.

"The topic of conversation with Doc earlier was to focus in on what does it take and how can I help support him in

achieving our mutual mission and in a pretty intense way continue to improve, be tenacious," Ballmer said. "If we do all that, good things will come our way."

Ballmer said he wants to put the Sterling controversy in the past and focus the team on being "a great citizen in the community for a diverse set of folks," including the NBA's predominantly black players.

"We're going to do our best on that," he said. "I know that is high on Doc's list, it's high on my list to do that. We also have to be a phenomenal basketball team, play really well as a team and have great success on court. We're going to work on all those things."

After the Sterling audio became public, the NBA banned him for life and fined him \$2.5 million.

Sterling was apologetic, but his mea culpa backfired when he criticized Lakers great Magic

Johnson, who had been photographed with Sterling's girlfriend, as a bad role model for kids because he had HIV. The 80-year-old real estate mogul was roundly condemned around the league.

Rivers expected to start contract talks

In the wake of Ballmer gaining governorship control of the Los Angeles Clippers, discussions on a contract extension for Doc Rivers are expected to commence soon, league sources said.

Ballmer and Rivers had been eager to forge a long-term partnership, and a California court confirming the authority of Shelly Sterling to sell the franchise on behalf of the Sterling Family Trust has cleared the way to work toward a new deal.

Rivers, 52, the president of basketball operations and head coach, has two years left on his

original three-year, \$21 million contract. Rivers is already one of the highest-paid executives and coaches in professional sports, and his prominence and pay could grow with the promise of Ballmer's stewardship of the Clippers.

Through the release of the Donald Sterling audio tapes that led to his banishment by NBA Commissioner Adam Silver, Rivers became a pivotal figure in holding together the franchise's value and keeping the team moving forward through the crisis.

After a 57-victory regular season, the Clippers reached the Western Conference semifinals, and return a roster expected to compete for a chance to reach the NBA Finals next season. Rivers won the 2008 NBA championship as coach of the Boston Celtics, and reached the NBA Finals again in 2010.

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record, sharing the top spot with host Bangor, while Hawaii is at third place with its 1-1 slate, followed by the CNMI (0-2), and Canada (0-3).

Hawaii, which is represented by the Central East Maui Little League from Wailuku, capitalized on the CNMI's early struggle on the mound to take control of the match and hand the Asia Pacific champions back-to-back losses.

Franco Nakamura started out for the CNMI and gave Hawaii's first two batters a free pass to first off a walk and hit by pitch. He went on to give up four hits and seven runs before being brought back to the bench in favor of Kenji Yamagata, who did not last long, too, as he was done after only three pitches and was replaced by Joseph Lifofoi with the CNMI behind, 0-8. Hawaii got the eight runs at the top of the first off Shadd Santos' two-run single, Orion

Miyasato-Farias, Ka'O Mindoro, and Colby Tam's RBI singles, Lane Kashiwamura's two-run double, and Rylie Velez's groundout.

With Lifofoi taking care of business on the mound, he managed to neutralize Hawaii's batter, giving up only two runs and shutting out their foes in three of the last five innings. However, while the CNMI sluggers were able to regroup on defense, they could not do the same on offense against the steady pitching hands of Hawaii's Kristian Gilliland. Gilliland allowed only two hits, had no walks, and struck out four in six innings pitched and drew help with their outfielders, who caught several fly balls.

With the CNMI batters off, they failed to move past second base and were called for 1-2-3 plays in four out of the six innings, experiencing the tough luck in three straight innings (second to fourth). The Patrick Tenorio-managed squad could

only counter with a single to shorts stop from Nathan Camacho at the bottom of the first and the CNMI's third batter was stranded at first, as fourth batter Darion Jones flied out to center-field. Jesse Brel also flied out earlier for the second out, while leadoff batter Virolanson Secharmidal grounded out to second.

The CNMI's misfortunes continued in the next three innings, while Hawaii bagged one more run at the top of the third off a sacrifice fly from Kashiwamura to move one run away from clinching the win via 10-run rule. Hawaii missed the needed one run at the top of the fifth, as Jones and Brel teamed up for a double play at shorts stop and second base and left two runners stranded.

At the top of the fifth, the CNMI got off to a good start with Palacios hitting a double to left field. However, he was stuck there as, the next three batters were unsuccessful with Gilliland striking out Yamagata,

K.J. Deleon Guerrero flying out to center, and Lifofoi grounding out to first.

After frustrating the CNMI at the bottom of the fifth, Hawaii put more pressure on its foe at the top of the sixth with Santos blasting an RBI triple to center for the 10-run lead. Now down by twin digits, the CNMI must score at least one run at the top of the sixth to extend the game, but got none, as Hawaii forced another 1-2-3 play. A.J. Evangelista led off and flied out to center, while Secharmidal grounded out to shorts stop, and Brel flied out to leftfield.

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ru and Raphael Zapanta. Peteru prevailed in the opener, 21-19, but failed to close out the match early with Zapanta bouncing back in the second game, 21-12. The deciding third game was a back-and-forth affair with Peteru escaping with a 21-20 victory. The men's C singles has 17 players, the most in the tournament, and is divided into four pools with the Top 2 players in each group advancing to the playoffs.

In other singles pairings, Ferdie Arago outclassed Glenn Bluttjens in three games, while Hannah Choi and Dianne Francisco swept their respective foes. Arago dropped the opening game in the men's A singles, 19-21, but still got the victory after winning the last two, 21-11, 21-19. In the women's A singles, Choi eased her way to a 21-6, 21-11 victory over Malou Malasarte, while in the women's B singles, Francisco dominated Malou's daughter Nicole, 21-18, 21-18. The other women's B singles match last Friday resulted to a free win for Rowena Sison after a no-show from Toshiko Obata.

In the men's doubles, Class B,

Pastor Pang and Oh Im Bog and Jojo Savellano and Noli Santos recorded sweeps, while A.J. Ortega and Celso Agui took the victory after three games. Pang and Oh topped Savellano and Santos, 21-10, 21-16, while the latter pair recovered with a 21-16, 21-20 win over Jerry Tan and Zapanta. Ortega and Agui fell to Ariel Mariano and Peteru in the opening game, 19-21, but stole the win after prevailing in the last two, 21-15, 21-18.

Mariano also played in the over 35 age group doubles and this time won, teaming up with Ray Musada in downing Agui and Sato San, 21-11, 21-19.

In the women's doubles, two of the three Class B matches ended after three games. Nicole Malasarte and Patricia Abantao slipped past Annette Ta and Elma Labuson, 20-21, 21-13, 21-9, while Cheng Saturno and Lucella Lampera outlasted Loyda Ito and Shirley Kim, 15-21, 21-15, 21-15. In the third women's C doubles, Loyda Ito partnered with Gigi Zapanta to beat Merlie Tolentino and Emily Vargas, 21-15, 21-17. In the lone women's C doubles, Vilma Reyes and Baby Banadera defeated Roxe Lazaro and Lani Santos, 21-10, 21-13.

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guard down in the third quarter and pounded World Resort harder with Aranda anew on the forefront of the team's assault. Aranda scored 12 straight points in the first half of the third period, while James Abuy finished what he started, firing six of PIC's last eight markers. By the end of the third, PIC's lead swelled to 33, nearly doubling World Resort's output, 69-36.

The 30-plus lead allowed PIC to relax a bit in the fourth and final canto and gave its benchwarmers time to play, while World Resort finally broke into the 20-point barrier to cut the deficit to a decent number.

Aranda and Demapan topscored for PIC with 23 points apiece, while Abuy finished with 11. Jomar Danas led World

Resort with his 15 markers.

In the first game, Shirley's/Century fell behind after the first canto, 14-21, but recovered quickly in the second to notch its second win.

Sean Rabasto brought Shirley's/Century back into the match after scoring 10 of his 14 points in the second quarter, which ended with Kanoa facing a 34-36 deficit. Kanoa lost the seven-point cushion in the first period, as it was limited to 13 markers and five field goals in the second canto. Dindo Pablo, who converted two triples and scored 12 points in the first frame, was held to two points in the second quarter.

Pablo failed to regain his shooting touch in the second half, while Erick Dela Rosa and Fradel Sedillo took over for Shirley's/Century en route to their 16-point winning mar-

gin. Dela Rosa knocked in 14 of his 18 points in the second half, while Sedillo had 12 of his 15 in the last 20 minute of play and eight in the final canto.

First Game

Shirley's/Century 80 – Dela Rosa 18, Sedillo 15, Rabasto 14, Catungal 8, Jugos 8, Usi 5, Manibusan 4, Aguilar 2, Niedo 2.

Kanoa Resort 64 – Pablo 10, Duenas 14, Litulumar 10, Armia 8, Usi 7, Kaipat 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-21, 36-34, 57-46, 80-64.

Second Game

PIC 79 – Demapan 23, Aranda 23, Abuy 11, Alegre 8, Quitugua 8, Hambros 4, Babauta 2.

World Resort 58 – Danas 15, Manglona 12, Vinas 9, Bernardino 9, Lewis 5, Tiamzon 4.

Scoring by quarters: 13-12, 41-22, 69-36, 79-58.

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MLB STANDINGS				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
East Division				
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Baltimore	68	50	.576	—
Toronto	63	58	.521	6½
New York	61	57	.517	7
Tampa Bay	58	61	.487	10½
Boston	53	65	.449	15
Central Division				
Kansas City	64	54	.542	—
Detroit	63	54	.538	½
Cleveland	59	59	.500	5
Chicago	57	63	.475	8
Minnesota	53	65	.449	11
West Division				
Oakland	73	46	.613	—
Los Angeles	69	49	.585	3½
Seattle	64	55	.538	9
Houston	50	70	.417	23½
Texas	47	72	.395	26
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
East Division				
Washington	64	53	.547	—
Atlanta	60	59	.504	5
Miami	59	60	.496	6
New York	57	63	.475	8½
Philadelphia	53	67	.442	12½
Central Division				
Milwaukee	66	54	.550	—
Pittsburgh	64	55	.538	1½
St. Louis	62	56	.525	3
Cincinnati	60	59	.504	5½
Chicago	51	67	.432	14
West Division				
Los Angeles	69	52	.570	—
San Francisco	62	57	.521	6
San Diego	56	62	.475	11½
Arizona	51	67	.432	16½
Colorado	46	73	.387	22
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19th Tournament of Champions Winners

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Championship Flight top finisher Geon Ju Lee, center, receives his award from Titan Imports, Inc. managing director John Antenor-cruz, right, during the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions held early this month at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Also in the photo is TOC chair Ben Babauta, right.



C Flight champion Namki Kim, right, receives his prizes from TOC chair Ben Babauta.



Championship Flight fourth placer Joung Hoon Park, right, receives his prize from TOC chair Ben Babauta.



Guam junior golfer Brett Salas, second left, poses with his third place award in the Championship Flight. Joining him are, from left, TOC chair Ben Babauta, former Saipan junior golfer James Balajadia, and a representative from Titan Imports, Inc.



Guam's Daryl Poe, center, poses with his runner-up prizes presented by a representative from Titan Imports, Inc., right.



Super Senior fifth placer Ed-die Peter, right, poses with TOC chair Ben Babauta.



Senior Flight fifth placer Tars Olopai, right, receives his prize from TOC chair Ben Babauta.



Nick Sablan, center, shows his Super Senior runner-up award.



Vic Borja, second left, and Barry Wilson, third left, share the top honors in the Senior Flight.



Junior golfer Sean Lee, right, gets his fifth place prize from TOC chair Ben Babauta.

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CNMI falls to Hawaii in World Series

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The CNMI lost anew in the Senior League World Series, bowing to Hawaii, 0-10, yesterday at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium in Bangor Maine.

The Commonwealth players surrendered eight runs to Hawaii at the top of the first inning to fall behind early and never recovered to absorb back-to-back defeats in Pool A. With their 0-2 record, the CNMI Senior All-Stars must sweep their last two



games to have a chance for the two playoff berths in their pool. The Asia Pacific champions face a team from Saskatchewan, Canada today, and a squad from Dumfries, Virginia tomorrow. The Virginia team has a 2-0

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Senior All-Star Team players and officials huddle before heading to the field during their opening game in the World Series against Bangor in Maine last Monday at the Shawn T. Mansfield Stadium.

Mixed results in men's C singles

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The two games in the crowded men's C singles played on Court 2 last Friday in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic had mixed results.

In the first match, Leo Su took the long route to victory against Jerome Malasarte, 21-7, 20-21, 21-14, while John Cano needed only two games to waltz past Ariel Jinang,

21-12, 21-10, last weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.

Two other men's C singles matches were scheduled last Friday in Week 2 of the Shirley's Coffee Shop-backed tournament. The third one resulted in a default win for Jeremy Montenejo against the injured Allan Lee, while the fourth was an extended match between Panapa Pete-

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John Cano leans back for a return to Aries Cordero during their men's B singles game in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

PIC, Shirley's/Century Hotel improve records

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Pacific Islands Club and Shirley's Coffee Shop/Century Hotel moved up to the leaderboard after easing past separate foes in the 2014 Budweiser Inter-Hotel Basketball League last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

PIC crushed World Resort, 79-58, to improve to a 4-1 record and climb from third to second place in the team standings, while Shirley's/Century jumped to fourth from sixth with its 3-2 mark, following an 80-64 victory against Kanoa Resort (1-4). Both PIC and Shirley's/Century turned their fortunes around in the second quarter to notch easy victories against their respective opponents.

Hanging on to a precarious one-point lead at the end of the first period, 13-12, PIC erupted for 28 big points in the second quarter for the breakaway, 41-22. PIC more than doubled World Resort's output in the crucial second period, as the latter was held to another 12-point



production.

Jake Quitugua, Bart Demapan, and Jack Aranda connived in PIC's second-quarter show with the former dropping all his eight points in that period. Aranda opened the quarter with a triple and had seven points, while Demapan chipped in six. World Resort had another so-so offense in the second frame with only Eugene Manglona and Juanito Tiamzon drilling more than one field goal each in the quarter.

Despite its big margin at the break, PIC refused to let its

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Pacific Islands Club's Jake Quitugua attempts a point-blanked shot against World Resort's Dennis Vinas during the fourth quarter of their game in the Inter-Hotel caging last Tuesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

